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# WELCOME...

If you want to craft a Christmas to remember, you've come to the right place! This issue is jam-packed with **inspiration for your festive home** and wardrobe, as well as for presents and gift wrapping!

Why not start off by crafting one of our **magical toys for the little ones** – we have dozens of merry makes from sweet angels and reindeer to cheeky mice and sausage dogs, as well as **colourful playsets** like skittles and tic-tac-toe – you're sure to find a fun game or cute character to star in their stocking.

We know that Christmas can be a busy and budget-testing time of year, so we have a **super selection of mini makes** that you'll be able to whip up quickly with small amounts of yarn. Don't miss our stash-busting coasters (p6), refillable crackers (p26) and dinky decs (p70).

We also have an adorable array of **crocheted present ideas** starting on page 74, from gift baskets and baby bootees to socks and potted cacti. You needn't craft them in Christmas colours as they'd make lovely presents any month of the year.

With so many yarntastic Yuletide patterns to choose from, if you need a little help knowing where to begin, be sure to read our **gift-giving tips** on page 83. Happy crocheting!

**P.S.** Be sure to check out the special offer on page 132, for a lovely bundle of festive yarn to celebrate the launch of the crochet section on knitting website **letsknit.co.uk**

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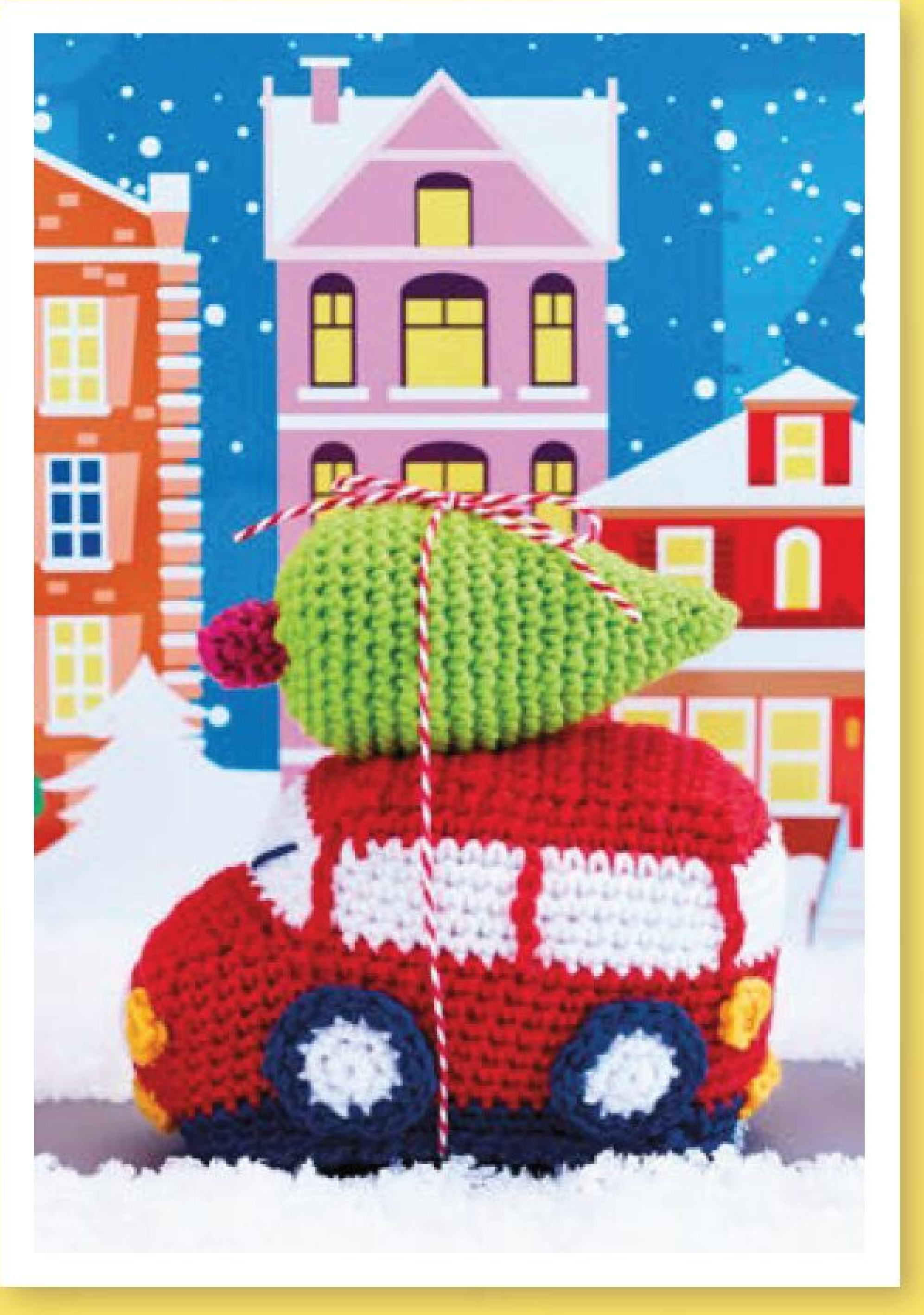

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DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Festive coasters

## Mug up on your crochet techniques and create this fab home project!

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Santa Red, Leafy Green, Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Snowy White, Variegated ★ 3.75mm hook
★ Six 6mm safety eyes
★ Safety toy stuffing
★ Tapestry needle
★ Scissors

Size: 9cm diameter (excl. heads and limbs)

### IN STITCHES

**picot:** 3ch, sl st into third ch from hook

### COASTER BASE (MAKE 3 - 1 IN EACH COLOUR)

**NOTE:** work into space between sts rather than into top of each st unless stated

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red (Leafy Green, Golden Yellow) make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 12 sts

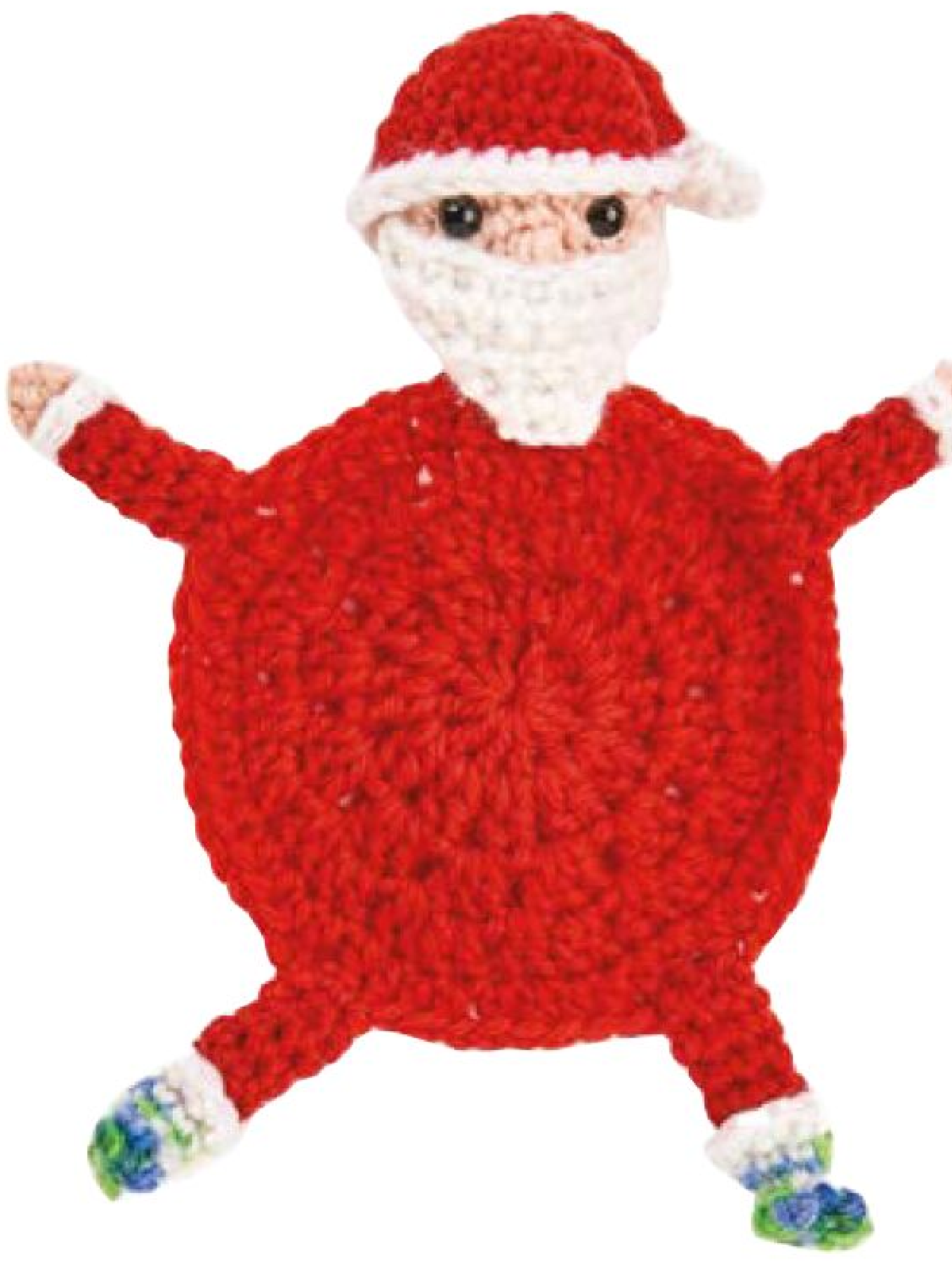
☐ Rnd 1: sl st into space between next two sts, 3ch, 1tr in same space, 1ch, (2tr in next space, 1ch) to end, join with a sl st to third of 3-ch. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: sl st into first tr, sl st into 1-ch sp, 3ch, 2tr into same 1-ch sp, 3tr into each 1-ch sp, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: sl st into next tr, 3ch, 1tr into same st, miss 1tr, 2tr in next space, (miss 1tr, 2tr into second of 3-tr, 2tr in next space) to end, join with a sl st to top of 3-ch. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in same st, 1ch, (4htr, 1ch) 11 times, 2htr, join with a sl st to top of 2-ch. 48 sts

Fasten off



## SANTA

### HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Blush Pink

☐ Rnd 11: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff firmly

Insert eyes between Rnds 12-13, five sts apart

☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### HAT TRIM

Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White to front loop of any st from Rnd 11

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same st, 23dc, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

### BEARD

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 11ch

☐ Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 10dc, turn. Ten sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, dc2tog, 6dc, dc2tog, turn. Eight sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch, dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts

☐ Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog, turn. One st

Fasten off

### ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Santa Red

☐ Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

### ARM TRIM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook join Snowy White to front loop of any st from Rnd 2 of Arm

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same space, 5dc, join with a slip st to first st. Six sts

Fasten off

### POM-POM

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

### LEG (MAKE 2)

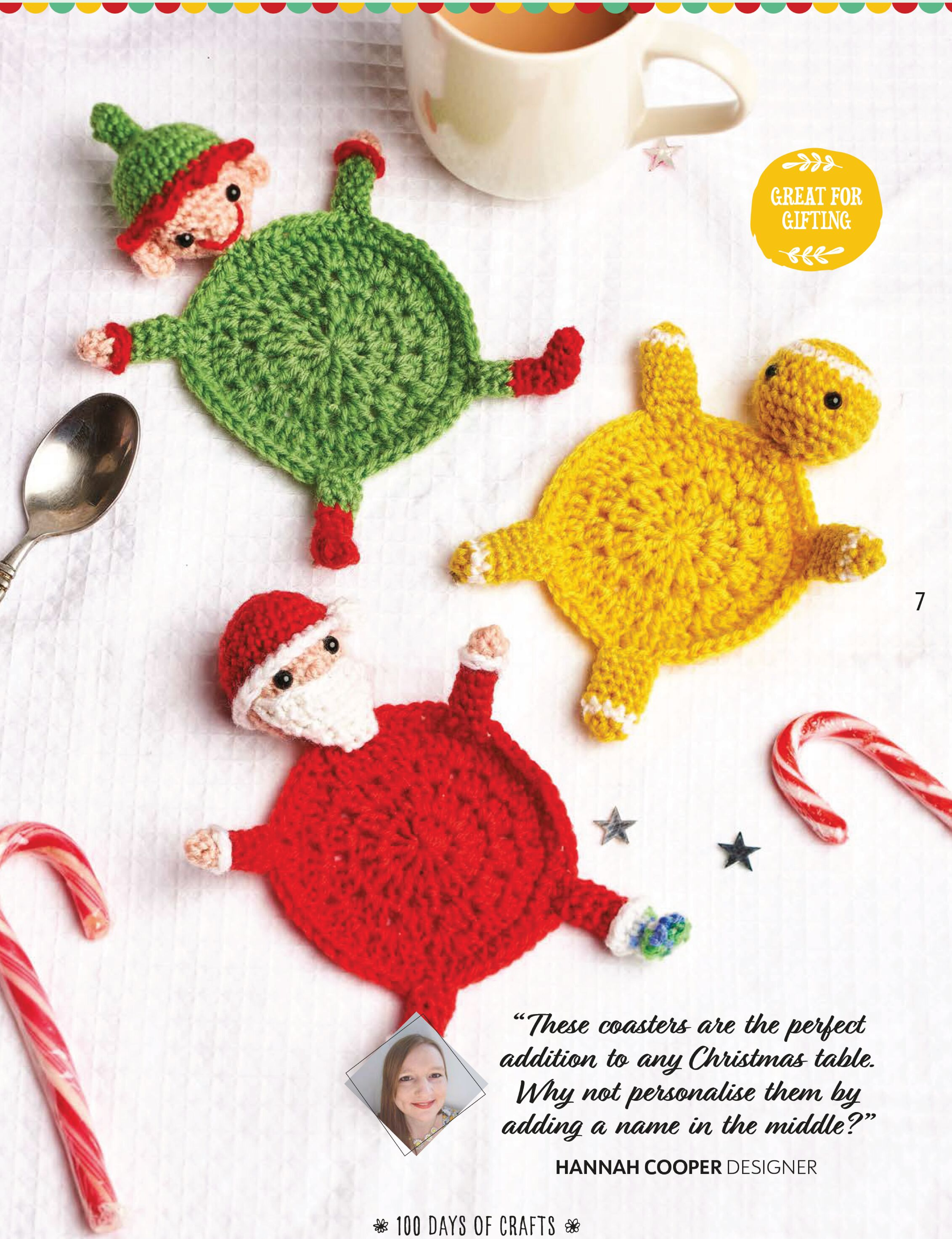
Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc, 3ch, miss three sts, 2dc

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc, 3dc into 3-ch sp, 2dc

☐ Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts



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> *"These coasters are the perfect addition to any Christmas table. Why not personalise them by adding a name in the middle?"*

**HANNAH COOPER** DESIGNER

Change to Santa Red
☐ Rnd 6: working in BLO, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts
☐ Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st
Fasten off

### LEG TRIM (MAKE 2)

Join Snowy White to front loop of any st from Rnd 6 of Leg
☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in same st, 7dc, join with a sl st to first st. Eight sts
Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Beard to Head. Sew pom-pom to Hat and secure to top of Head. Sew Head to Coaster Base. Fold foot to a 90° angle and sew in place. Sew Arms and Legs to Coaster Base. Embroider a small nose on face using Blush Pink. Weave in all ends

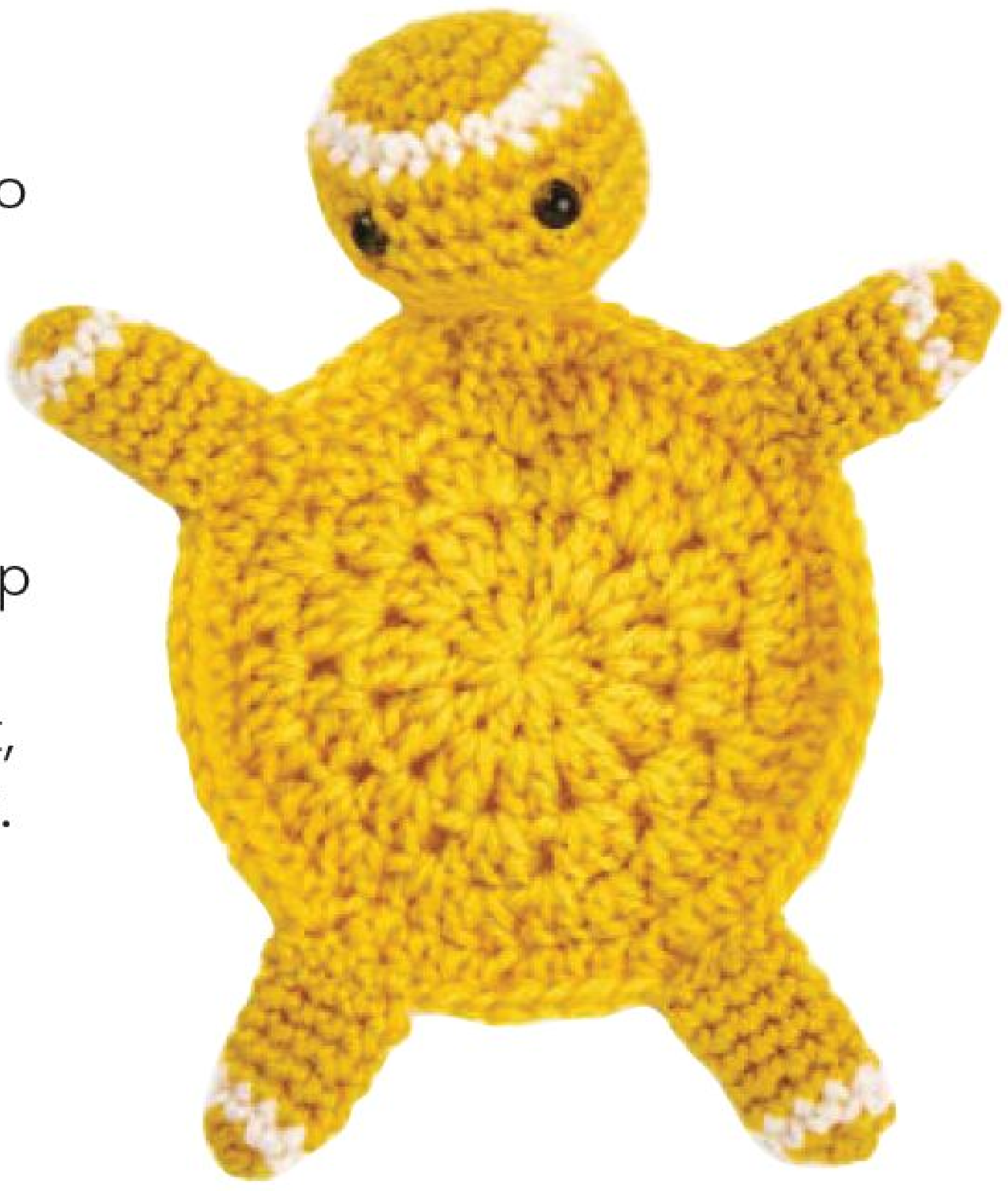
## GINGERBREAD MAN

### HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
Change to Snowy White
☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
Change to Golden Yellow
☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
Stuff firmly and insert safety eyes between Rows 5-6, five sts apart
☐ Rnd 10: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

### ARMS & LEGS (MAKE 4)

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
Change to Snowy White
☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts
Change to Golden Yellow
☐ Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off



### TO MAKE UP

Sew Head and limbs to Coaster Base. Weave in all ends

## ELF

### HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green work as for Santa Head inserting eyes after Rnd 16 between Rnds 14-15, five sts apart

### HAT TRIM

Using 3.75mm hook join Santa Red to front loop of any st from Rnd 11
☐ Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in same st, 23dc, join with a sl st to first st. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1 sl st, 1dc, picot, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first sl st
Fasten off

### RIGHT EAR

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 3dc, 3ch, sl st into ring
Fasten off and close ring

### LEFT EAR

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work sl st, 3ch, 3dc into ring
Fasten off and close ring

### ARM (MAKE 2)

Work as for Santa Arm changing to Leafy Green after Rnd 1

### ARM TRIM (MAKE 2)

Work as for Santa Arm Trim using Santa Red

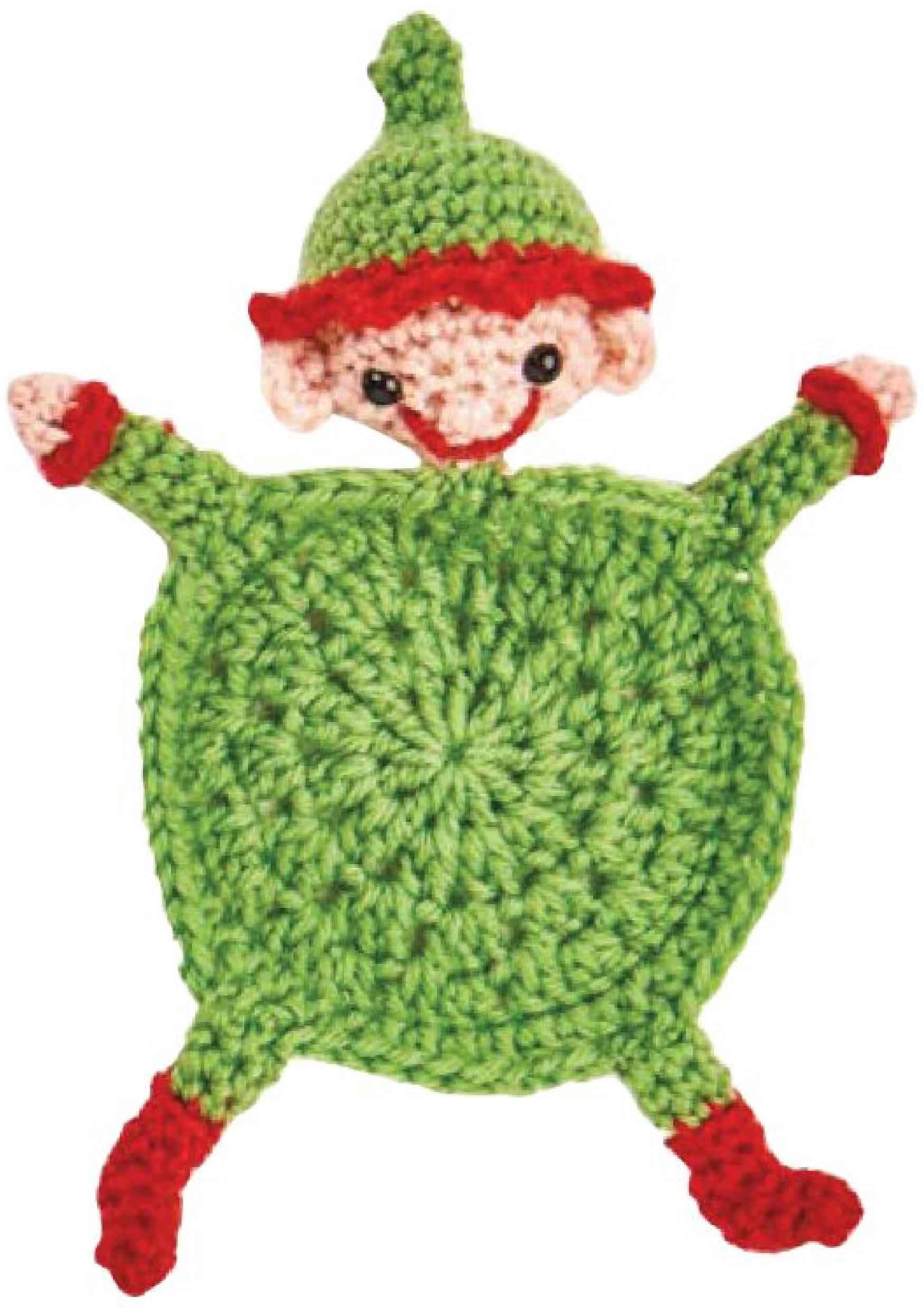
### LEG (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts
☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 4: 1dc, 3ch, miss three sts, 2dc. Three sts
☐ Rnd 5: 1dc, 3dc into 3-ch sp, 2dc. Six sts
☐ Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Leafy Green
☐ Rnd 8: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears to side of Head. Sew Head, Arms and Legs onto Coaster Base. Embroider a small nose using Blush Pink and a smile using Santa Red. Weave in all ends

**TOP TIP!** THE BASES FOR THE ELF, GINGERBREAD MAN AND SANTA ARE ALL MADE IN THE SAME WAY, WORKING IN THE SPACES BETWEEN THE STITCHES, WHICH CREATES A FLATTER, MORE OPEN EFFECT



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# Floral toppers

Craft these crochet flowers in festive colours ready to top your Christmas gifts and cards

**WHIP UP IN A JIFFY**

## KIT LIST

- ★ Yarn, DK: Sherbet, Nougat, Bonbon, Aniseed, Mauve, Minty
- ★ 3.5mm hook
- ★ Tapestry needle
- ★ Scissors

Irish crochet rose: 10cm diameter

Irish Crochet Rose

African Flower

## IRISH CROCHET ROSE

Using a 3.5mm hook and Sherbet make 6ch, join with a sl st to form a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 16dc into ring, join with a sl st in first dc

☐ Rnd 2: 5ch, (miss 1dc, 1htr in next st, 3ch) seven times, join with a sl st in first 2ch

☐ Fasten off, join Aniseed to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) in sp eight times, join with a sl st in first 1ch

☐ Rnd 4: (3ch, 1ss in sp between next 2dc) eight times, join with a sl st in first 1ch

☐ Fasten off, join Bonbon to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 2tr, 1htr, 1dc) in sp eight times, join with a sl st in first 1ch

☐ Rnd 6: (4ch, sl st in sp between next 2dc) eight times, join with a sl st in first 1ch

☐ Fasten off, join Nougat to any 4ch sp

☐ Rnd 7: rep Rnd 5, fasten off and darn in ends

## AFRICAN FLOWER

Using 3.5mm hook and Violet make 5ch, join with a sl st in first 1ch to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch, 4tr in ring, remove hook, insert through third ch, reinsert through loop at top of fourth tr and draw it through, (3ch, 1pc in ring) five times, 3ch, join with a sl st in first 3ch

☐ Fasten off, join Bonbon to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, (1tr, 2ch, 2tr) in same sp, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next sp five times, join with a sl st in third ch

☐ Fasten off, join Nougat to sp between any two 2trs

☐ Rnd 3: (6tr in next 2ch sp) six times, sl st in sp between two 2trs, join with a sl st in first sp

☐ Fasten off, join Sherbet to any sl st

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, *(1dc in 1tr) twice, (2dc in 1tr) twice, (1dc in 1tr) twice, 1dc into sp. Rep from * six times, join with a sl st in first ch

☐ Fasten off and darn in ends

**NOTE:** work Rnds 2-3 in the same yarn for solid colour petals

**TOP TIP!** TO DO A POPCORN STITCH (PC), START WITH 5TR, REMOVE HOOK, INSERT THROUGH TOP OF FIRST TR, REINSERT THROUGH LOOP AT TOP OF FIFTH TR AND DRAW IT THROUGH

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

# Gingerbread man

Create your very own cheeky chap to bring out year after year – he's quick and easy to make

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Choc Brown, Fluffy, Bright Red, Fir Green, Warm Yellow, Light Blush, Black ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Two 9mm black safety eyes ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Height 18.5cm

## LEGS, BODY & HEAD

* Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fluffy
☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Choc Brown
☐ Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end *
Fasten off
Rep from * to * for second Leg, join with a sl st to first st on Rnd 11 of first Leg
☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st of first Leg, 1dc in each st of second Leg. 24 sts
**NOTE:** stuff as you go
☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 14-18: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 19: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 27 sts
☐ Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 21: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 22: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 23: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 24: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 25: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
**NOTE:** now working Head
☐ Rnd 26: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 27: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 28: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 29-33: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fluffy
☐ Rnd 34: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 35: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 36: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 32-33
☐ Rnd 37: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 38: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

## FACIAL FEATURES

The positioning of the eyes and mouth on a character really affects their personality and expression. Here the eyes are placed far apart for a cute look. The mouth is embroidered using straight stitches. If you're not a big stitcher, practise beforehand, using pins for experimenting with placement

## ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Fluffy
☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Choc Brown
☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## CHEEK (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## BUTTON (MAKE 3)

Using 3.75mm hook and Bright Red (Fir Green, Warm Yellow) make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Head and sew up rem sts. Stuff Arms and sew to Body. Sew Cheeks to face and Buttons to Body. Embroider mouth with black DK. Weave in all ends

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GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

**TOP TIP!** USE A STITCH MARKER OR SPARE YARN TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF EACH ROUND

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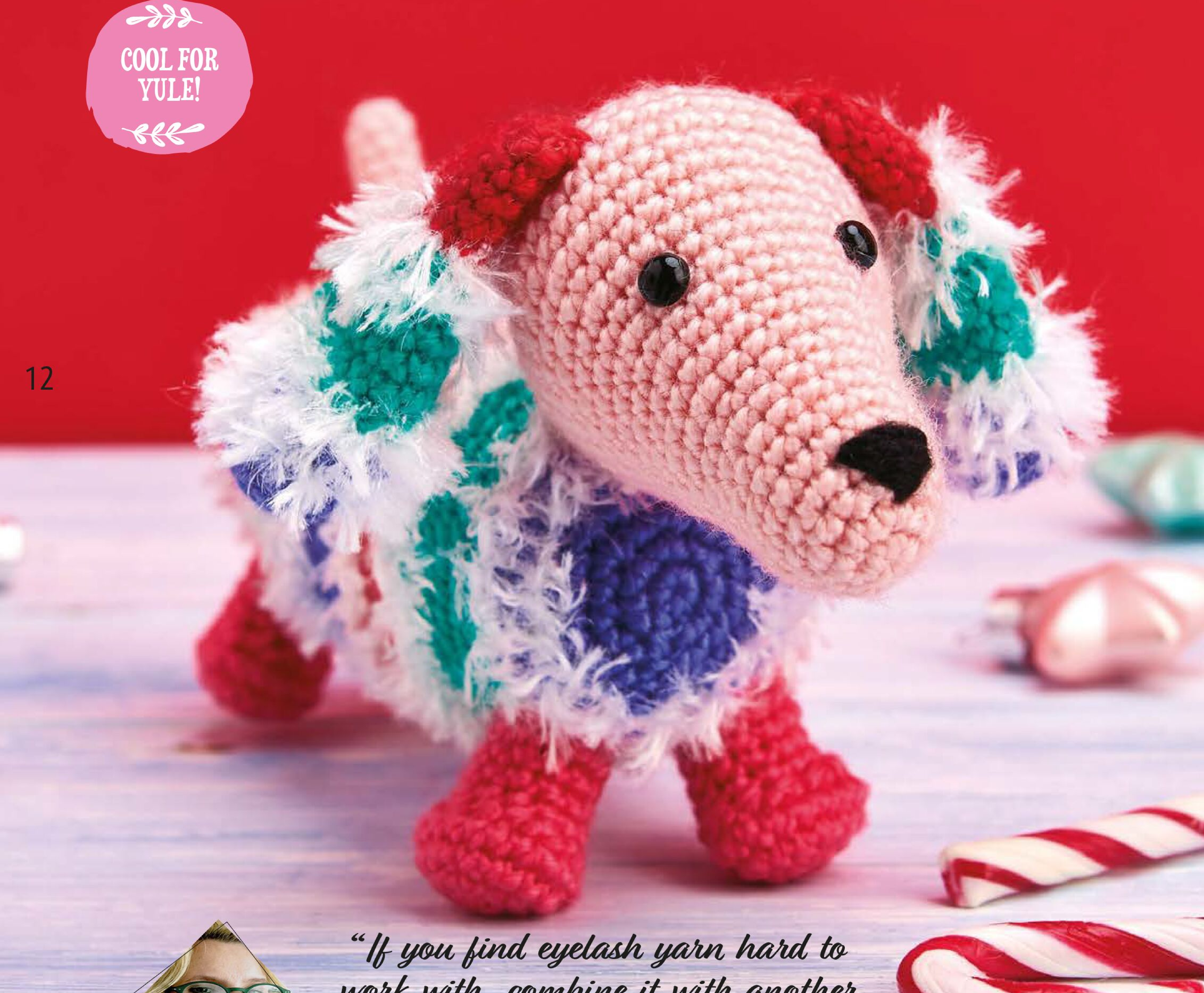
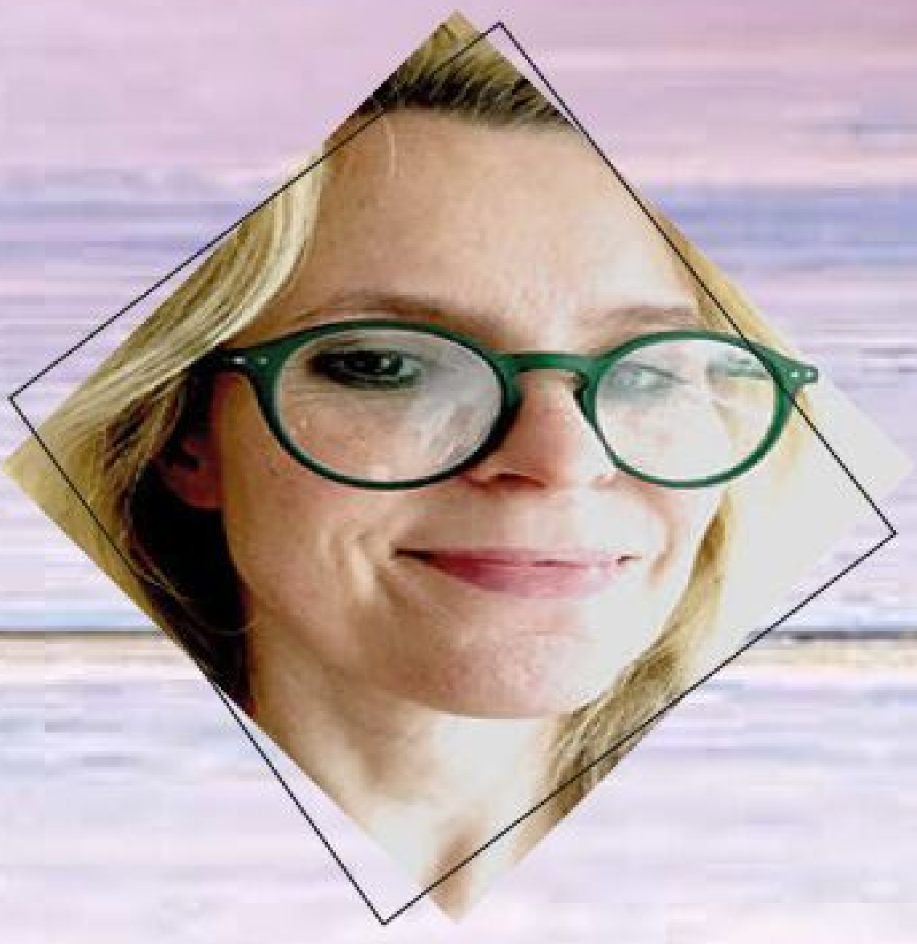
# Snowy dachshund

When he's not busy lighting up faces with huge grins, he loves to cause mischief in the snow





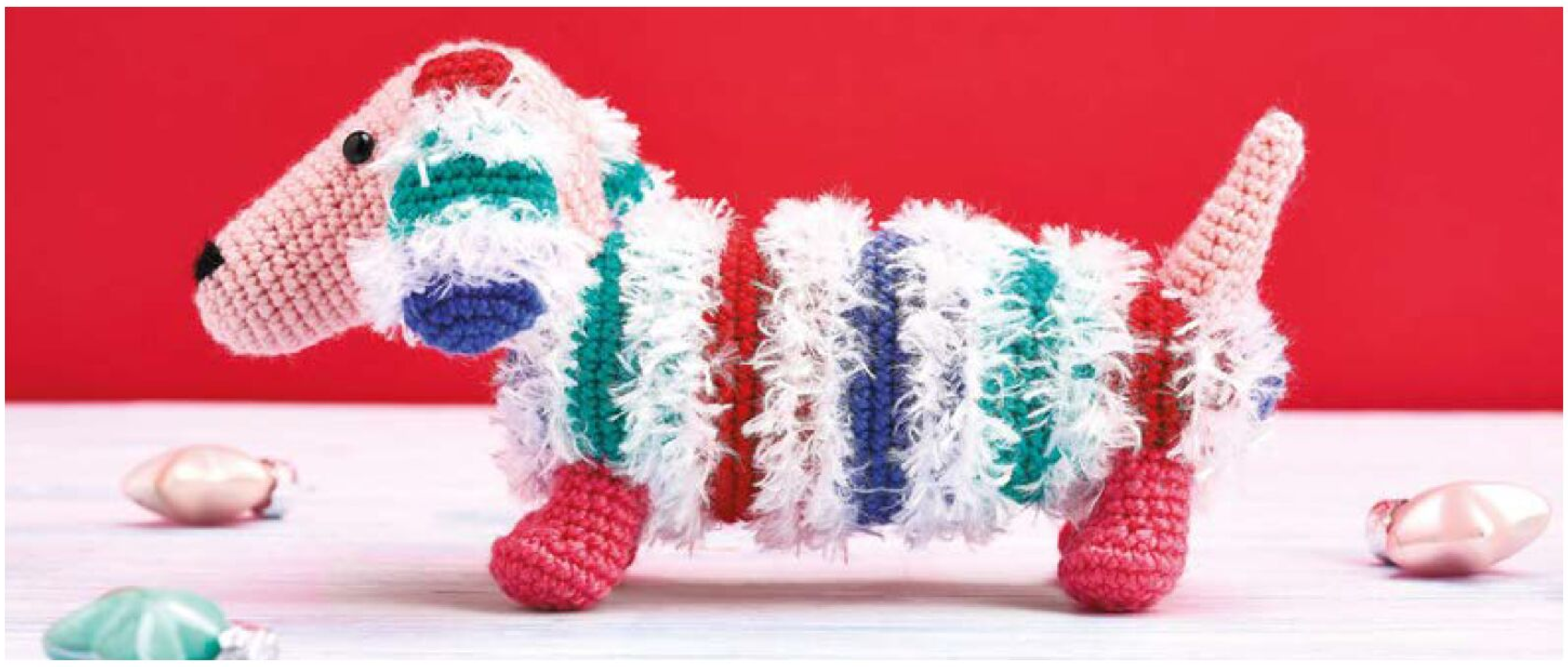
> *"If you find eyelash yarn hard to work with, combine it with another colour to make it easier to see"*

**CLAIRE GARLAND** DESIGNER

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise, Snow Drop, Peppermint Twist, Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour, black ★ 3mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Two 6mm safety eyes ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Length: 23cm



## HEAD

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 7: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnd 8 and every even-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 11: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 33 sts

☐ Rnd 17: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rows 13-14, approx six sts apart

☐ Rnd 19: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 21: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 22: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 23: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 24: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 25: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 26: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## COLOUR MADE SIMPLE

The body of the Dachshund is worked in the foll stripe sequence: three rows Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, one row Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, * four rows Peppermint Twist, one row Snow Drop, one row Peppermint Twist, one row Snow Drop, four rows Cherry Whirl, one row Snow Drop, one row Cherry Whirl, one row Snow Drop, four rows Blackberry Surprise *, one row Snow Drop, one row Blackberry Surprise, one row Snow Drop, rep from * to *

## BODY

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

**NOTE:** at end of each rnd, join with a sl st to first st. See panel for colour instructions

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnds 7-27: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 28: 1ch, (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 30: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 31-39: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 40: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 41: rep Rnd 29

Stuff

☐ Rnd 42: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 43: rep Rnd 29

☐ Rnd 44: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 45: 1ch, (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Snow Drop, Blackberry Surprise, Snow Drop

☐ Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Peppermint Twist

☐ Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Snow Drop, Peppermint Twist, Snow Drop

☐ Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 12-13: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Cherry Whirl

☐ Rnds 14-17: rep Rnds 7-10

☐ Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## TAIL

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 9-10: rep Rnds 6-7

Fasten off

## FOOT (MAKE 4)

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Ear. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 3dc, (dc2tog) six times, 3dc. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Head and Body closed. Flatten Ears and sew to sides of Head. Sew Head to wider end of Body. Stuff Tail and sew to other end. Stuff Feet and sew to underside of Body. Using length of black DK embroider nose. Weave in all ends

DESIGNER **ALI CAMPBELL**

# Sparkly stocking

Santa will be wowed by your crafty skills and is sure to pop something extra special inside this festive make!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Christmas Pud, Silver Sparkle, Tinsel Blue, Evergreen, Robin Red, Milk Bottle ★ 5mm hook
★ Tapestry needle
★ Scissors

Length: 47cm

## HEXAGON (MAKE 18 – 6 EACH IN ROBIN RED, TINSEL BLUE, EVERGREEN)

Using 5mm hook and Milk Bottle make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring. 12 sts

Fasten off Milk Bottle, join Robin Red (Tinsel Blue, Evergreen) between any two sts

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in same sp, (miss two sts, [3ch, 3tr] in next sp between sts) five times, 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 18 sts

Fasten off

Once three Hexagons have been made, join Silver Sparkle to any 3ch sp

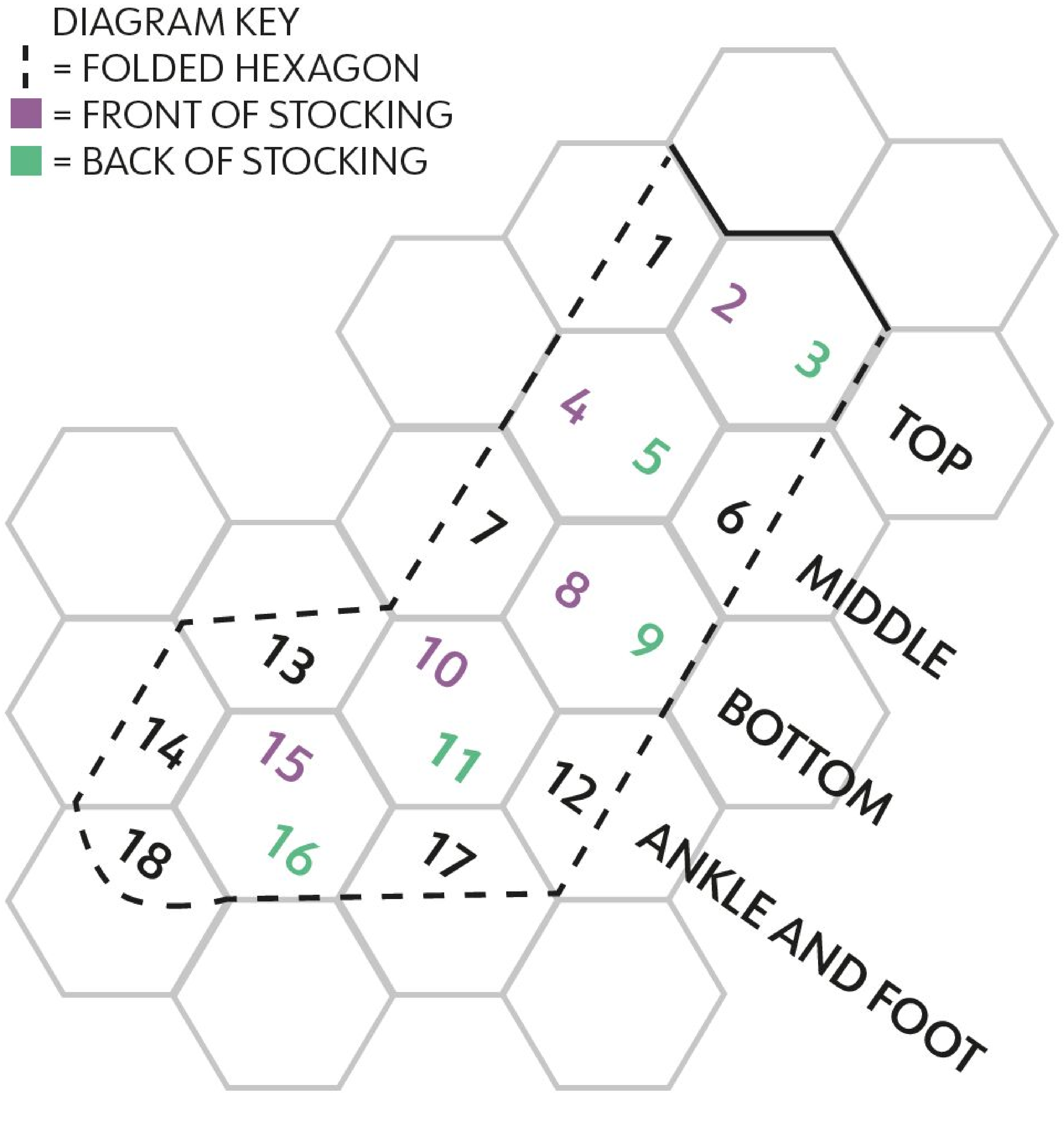
Join Hexagons 1-3 (see Diagram) to form top ring of leg as folls:

☐ Rnd 2 (Hexagon 1 only): (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr, 3ch, 2tr) in same 3ch sp, (1ch, 2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in each 3ch sp to end, 1ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2 (Hexagon 2 and 3 only): join Silver Sparkle to any 3ch sp, (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr, 3ch, 2tr) in same 3ch sp, 1ch, ([2tr, 1ch, 1ch join [see Panel], 1ch, 2tr] in next 3ch sp, 1ch join) to end replacing 1ch join with 1ch when not joining to an adjacent Hexagon

Fasten off

**NOTE:** cont working Rnd 3 in this way for Hexagons 4-6 for middle ring and 7-9 for bottom ring (see Diagram)



### Joining ankle & foot

**NOTE:** follow Diagram for guidance

Join Hexagon 10 to Hexagons 7 and 8, turn over, fold in half and join Hexagon 12 to Hexagons 10, 8 and 9. Join Hexagon 11 to Hexagons 12, 7 and 8. Fold Hexagon 13 in half and place in position. Join Hexagon 13 to Hexagons 10 and 11 with one 1ch join: insert hook into 3ch sp of Hexagon 10 followed by 3ch sp of Hexagon 11, yoh and pull through. Use Diagram to join rem Hexagons in numerical order

## TOP EDGE

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red, join to any top 3ch sp from Rnd 3 of Hexagons 1-3

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc, (3tr in next 1ch sp, miss next two sts and 3ch sp, 3dtr in next sp between joined Hexagons, miss next 3ch sp and two sts, 3tr in next 3ch sp, miss two sts, 1dc in next ch sp) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Tinsel Blue, Evergreen

☐ Rnds 2-3: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end

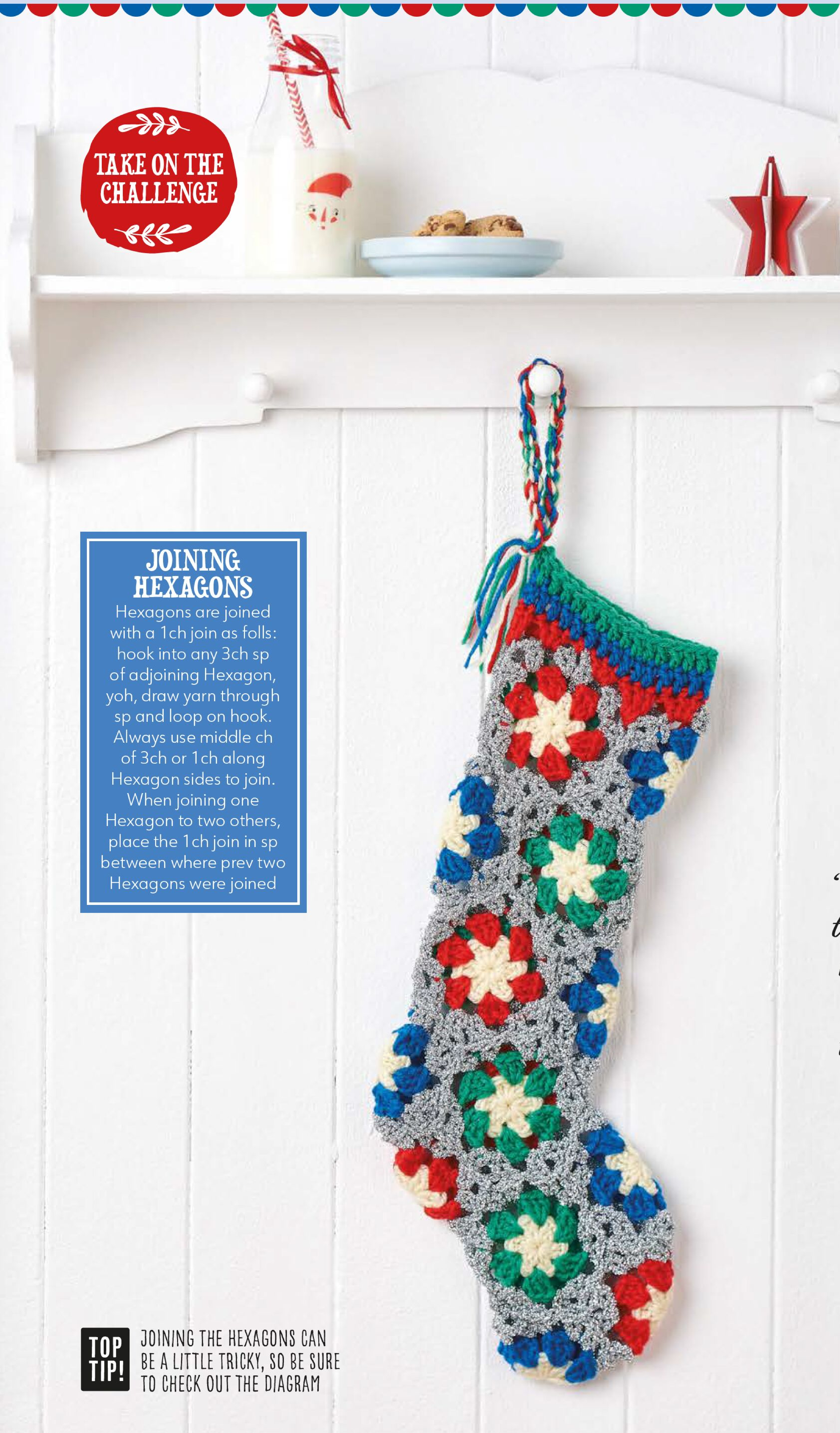
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Block to shape. Using hook and rem lengths of Milk Bottle, Robin Red, Evergreen and Tinsel Blue held tog, loosely make 20ch, leaving long tails. Sew to Top Edge to hang

## WHY NOT TRY...

Why not personalise this fab project with pom-poms, ribbons or bells that jingle all the way?



TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE

## JOINING HEXAGONS

Hexagons are joined with a 1ch join as folls: hook into any 3ch sp of adjoining Hexagon, yoh, draw yarn through sp and loop on hook. Always use middle ch of 3ch or 1ch along Hexagon sides to join. When joining one Hexagon to two others, place the 1ch join in sp between where prev two Hexagons were joined

> *"If you struggle to count stitches when using the sparkly yarn, try swapping it for another colour"*

**ALI CAMPBELL**
DESIGNER

**TOP TIP!** JOINING THE HEXAGONS CAN BE A LITTLE TRICKY, SO BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE DIAGRAM

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Tic-tac-toe game

Once you've eaten too much and watched the King's speech what's left to do except play some good old-fashioned board games?

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Festive Blue, Jolly Purple, Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Santa Red, Snowy White, Night Sky, Figgy Pudding, Fir Green ★ 4mm hook ★ Six star beads ★ Small amount of black thread ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Board: 20cm square. Tree: 5cm x 6cm. Santa: 5cm x 6cm

**NOTE:** colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

Using 4mm hook make 12ch (Festive Blue), 12ch (Jolly Purple), 13ch (Festive Blue), turn

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn

☐ Rows 2-15: 1ch, 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn

☐ Rows 16-29: 1ch, 12dc (Night Sky), 12dc (Figgy Pudding), 12dc (Night Sky), turn

☐ Rows 30-43: 1ch, 12dc (Festive Blue), 12dc (Jolly Purple), 12dc (Festive Blue), turn

Fasten off

## BORDER

Using 4mm hook, join Golden Yellow to any st

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, work 1dc in each st around Board edge, working 2dc in each corner, join with a sl st to first st

Join Santa Red to any st

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, crab st in each st to end

Fasten off

## SANTA COUNTER (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Change to Snowy White

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 18 sts

☐ Next row: 1ch, 1dc in same st, * (1htr, 2tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, 1dc, rep from * , (1htr, 2tr) in next st, (1tr, 1htr) in next st, sl st in last st

Fasten off

## HAT (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and with RS facing, join Santa Red to first st of Rnd 2 of Santa Counter

☐ Row 1: 1ch, 1dc, 2htr, 1tr, 2tr in next st, 2htr, 3htr in next st, 4ch, turn

☐ Row 2: starting in second ch from hook, sl st, 2dc, sl st in same st as 3htr on Row 1

Fasten off

## HAT BOBBLE (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White work one puff st into tip of Hat

Fasten off

## MOUSTACHE (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make 9ch, turn

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st, 1dc, 2htr in next st, sl st in next two sts, 2htr in next st, 1dc, sl st

Fasten off

## TREE COUNTER (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and Fir Green make 2ch, turn

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 2dc in same st, turn. Two sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 2dc, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 4dc, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 6: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, turn. Seven sts

☐ Row 7: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 6dc, turn. Eight sts

☐ Row 8: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 7dc, turn. Nine sts

☐ Row 9: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 8dc, turn. Ten sts

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 9dc. 11 sts

☐ Row 11: attach Santa Red to fifth st of Row 10 using a standing dc, 2dc, turn

☐ Row 12: 1ch, 3dc

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Moustache onto Santa and embroider eyes on face. Stitch a star bead on top of every Tree. Weave in all ends

## IN STITCHES

**CRAB ST:** Work as dc but in reverse. Insert hook in st to right of working yarn, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through both loops

**PUFF ST:** * yoh, insert hook in st, yoh, pull through st, yoh and pull yarn through first two loops on hook, rep from * twice. Four loops left on hook. Yoh, pull through all four loops on hook

**STANDING DC:** Make a slipknot and place it on hook, insert hook in st, yoh, pull through st, yoh, pull through both loops

SEE P130 FOR A LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

**TOP TIP!** WET BLOCK YOUR GAME BOARD TO STOP THE ENDS CURLING UP

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

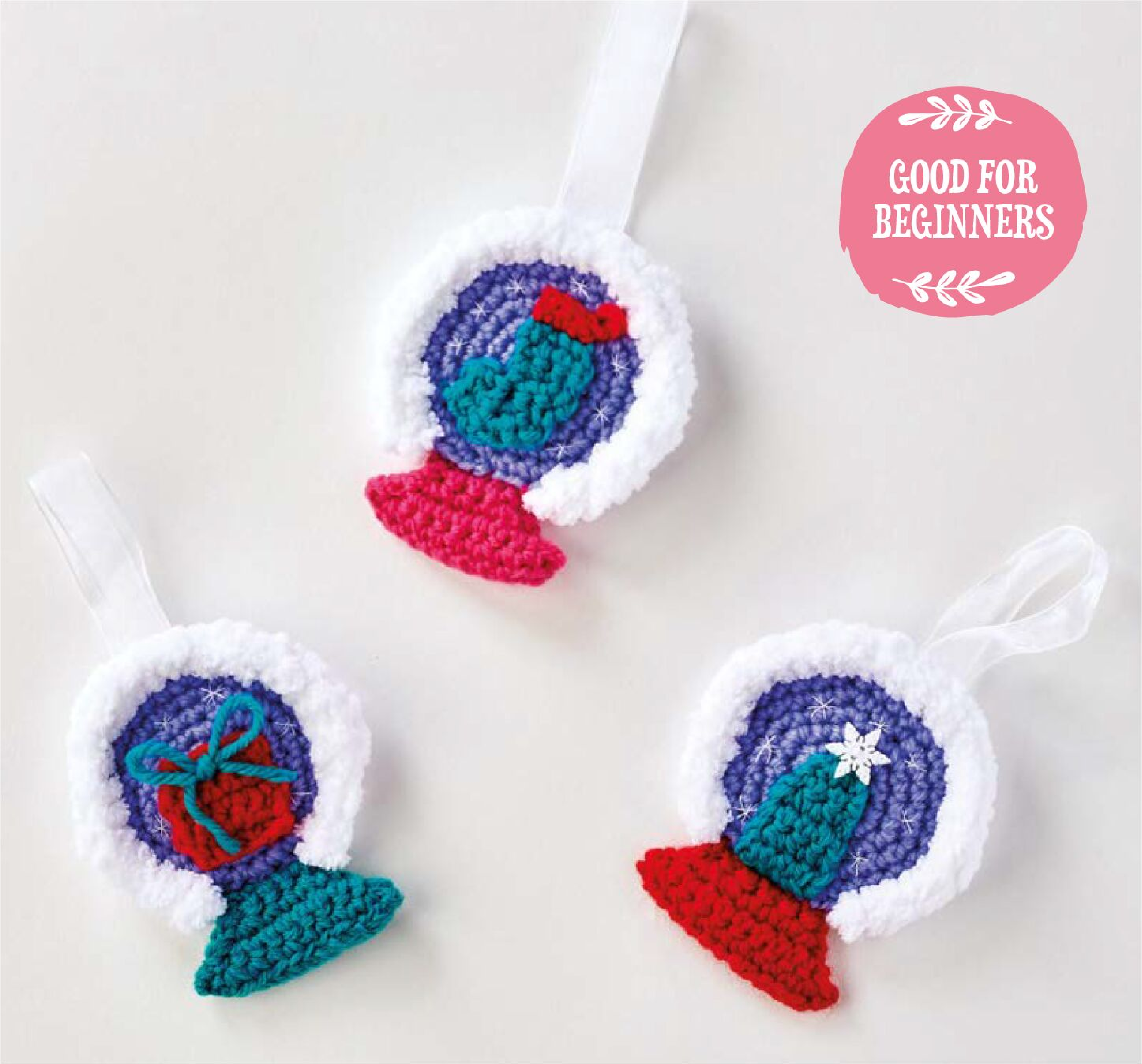
# Snowglobe decs

These crochet versions of the classic glass sphere are easy to make – with no worries about breakages!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Dusky Blue, Tinsel Teal, Merry Magenta, Berry Red, Fluffy ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Sewing needle ★ White thread ★ Snowflake button ★ Ribbon ★ Tapestry needle

Diameter: 10.5cm



GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

### GLOBE (MAKE 6)

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Fasten off

### TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make 2ch

☐ Row 1: 3dc in second ch from hook, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Four sts

☐ Rows 4-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### PRESENT

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 6ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts

☐ Rows 2-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### STOCKING

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 4ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Three sts

Change to Tinsel Teal

☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 5: dc2tog, 2dc in next st, turn

☐ Row 6: 2dc in next st, dc2tog, turn

☐ Row 7: rep Row 5

Turn work clockwise and work along ends of Rows 5-7

☐ Row 8: 1dc in each row end, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 9: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog. Two sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BASE (MAKE 6 – 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red (Tinsel Teal, Merry Magenta) make 6ch

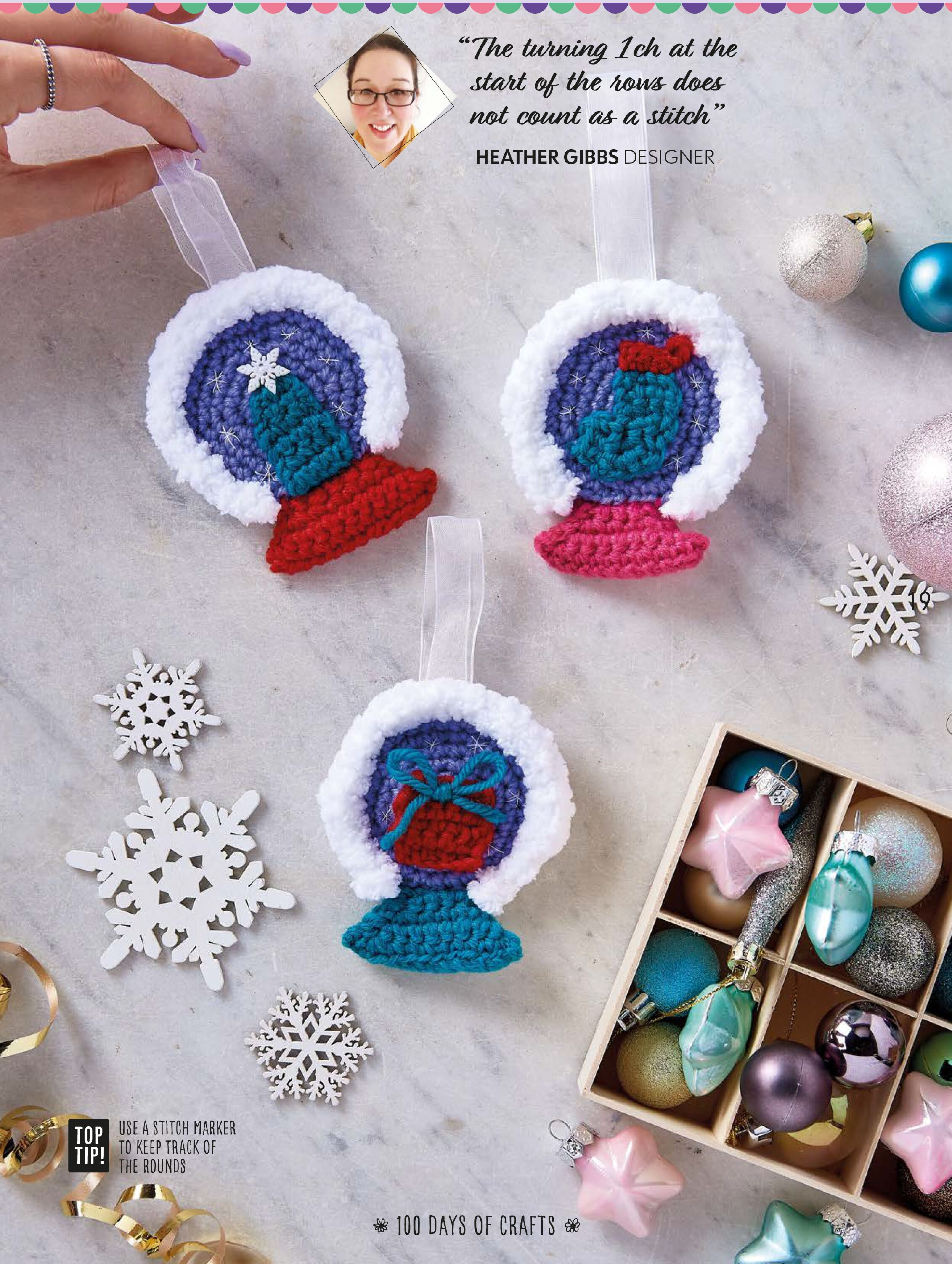
☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Five sts

☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st, turn. 11 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Tree to Globe and attach snowflake button to top of Tree. Sew Present to Globe and using Tinsel Teal add bow. Sew Stocking to Globe and using Berry Red add small loop to Stocking. Using white sewing thread, embroider snowflakes. With WS tog and leaving gap of five sts along bottom for Base, join motif Globe to plain Globe through both layers using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy as folls: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to last st, 1dc in last st, then fasten off. Pair up two Bases and sew tog, then attach to gap at bottom of Globe. Secure ribbon to back for hanging. Weave in ends



> *"The turning 1ch at the start of the rows does not count as a stitch"*

**HEATHER GIBBS** DESIGNER

**TOP TIP!** USE A STITCH MARKER TO KEEP TRACK OF THE ROUNDS

DESIGNER **SARAH LOUISE READ**

# Rudolph reindeer

Santa's hooved helper is sporting a cute, fluffy-fringed jacket to keep him snug while he's doing his sleigh deliveries

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Choc Brown, dark brown, Light Blush, Fluffy, Bright Red ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Two 10mm black safety eyes ★ Toy safety stuffing ★ Stitch markers ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height (sitting): 15cm

## BODY & HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Bright Red

☐ Rnds 8-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 12-18: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 19: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 20: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Choc Brown

☐ Rnd 21: 2dc in each st to end. 36 sts

**NOTE:** place eyes between Rnds 27-28 of Body & Head, approx five sts apart

☐ Rnds 22-30: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 31: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 32: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 33: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 34: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 35: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## MUZZLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 5dc, (1dc, 1htr) in next st, 1ch, (1htr, 1dc) in next st, 5dc. 14 sts

Fasten off

## ANTLER (MAKE 2)

* Using 3.75mm hook and dark brown DK make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end. Four sts *

Fasten off

Rep from * to * for second antler piece

☐ Rnd 4 (joining rnd): 2dc, join first antler piece: 1dc to last st of first antler piece, 2dc in second antler piece. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 5: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Choc Brown

☐ Rnd 4: 3dc, (dc2tog) three times, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

**NOTE:** Change to Bright Red after Rnd 7

☐ Rnds 6-14: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Fasten off

## LEG (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Choc Brown

☐ Rnd 5: 3dc, (dc2tog) five times, 1dc in each st to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 6-17: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Muzzle to front of face. Embroider nose with Bright Red. Sew Ears and Antlers to top of Head. Join Arms by sewing through side of Body several times to ensure they are secure. Rep for Legs. Weave in all ends

> *"This pattern mostly uses double crochet, but you'll be using the half treble stitch to create the ears turn to page 127 for our visual step-by-step guide"*
>
> **SARAH LOUISE READ** DESIGNER

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

**TOP TIP!** TAKE YOUR TIME WHEN SEWING UP THE ANTLERS AND EARS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE EVEN AND MATCHING; WONKY ANTLERS COULD LEAD TO A WRONG TURN ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

DESIGNER **SARAH LOUISE READ**

# Merry dwelling

Show off your bobble stitch skills to make this fabulously festive home

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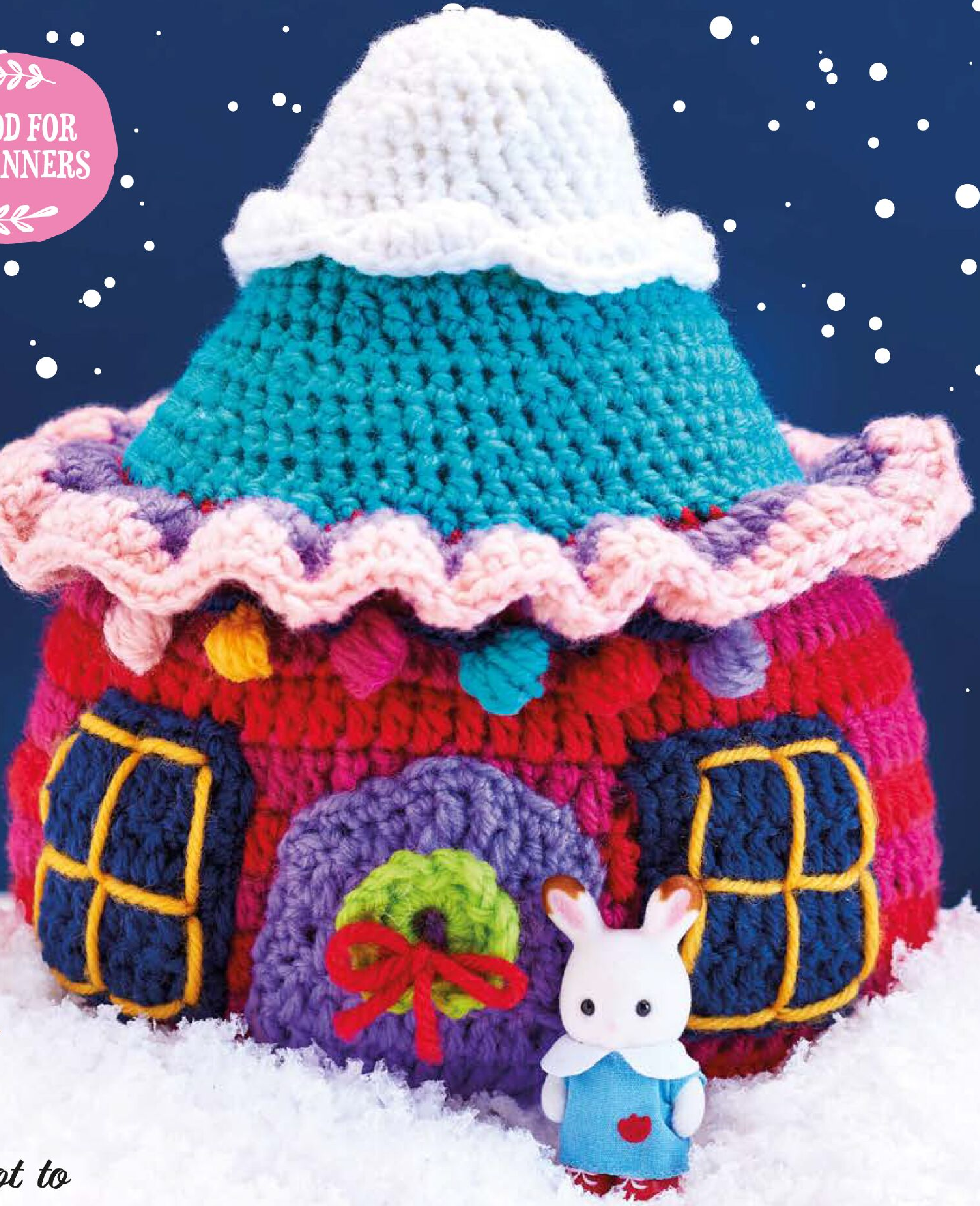


*"Be careful not to twist the chain when working the wreath"*

**SARAH LOUISE READ**
DESIGNER

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Festive Blue, Jolly Purple, Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Santa Red, Snowy White, Night Sky, Figgy Pudding, Fir Green ★ 4mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Stitch markers ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: 20cm

## IN STITCHES

**Make bobble (MB):** Yoh, insert hook in st, yoh and pull through st, yoh and pull through two loops. Two loops on hook. (Yoh, insert hook in same st, yoh and pull through st, yoh and pull through two loops) three times. Five loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all five loops on hook

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make 13ch

☐ Rnd 1: 2htr in second ch from hook, 10htr, 5htr in next st, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 10htr, 3htr in next st. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (2htr in next st) to end. 40 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (1htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (1htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 50 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (2htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (2htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (3htr, 2htr in next st) twice, 10htr, (3htr, 2htr in next st) five times, 10htr, (3htr, 2htr in next st) three times. 70 sts

☐ Rnd 6: working in back loops only, join with a sl st to first st, 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 70 sts

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Figgy Pudding, Santa Red

☐ Rnds 7-14: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Change to Festive Blue

☐ Rnd 15: working in back loops only, (5htr, htr2tog) to end. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 16: 1htr in each st to end

☐ Rnd 17: (8htr, htr2tog) to end. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 18: rep Rnd 16

☐ Rnd 19: (7htr, htr2tog) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 20: rep Rnd 16

☐ Rnd 21: (6htr, htr2tog) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 22: rep Rnd 16

Change to Snowy White

☐ Rnd 23: (5htr, htr2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 24: working in back loops only, 1htr in each st to end

☐ Rnd 25: (4htr, htr2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 26: rep Rnd 16

☐ Rnd 27: (3htr, htr2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 28: rep Rnd 16

☐ Rnd 29: (2htr, htr2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 30: (1htr, htr2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 31: (htr2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## ROOF FRILL

Using 4mm hook and Jolly Purple attach yarn to first st of front loop only of Rnd 15 of House

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr throughout], 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end. 140 sts

Change to Blush Pink

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end. 140 sts

Fasten off

## SNOW FRILL

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White, attach yarn to first st of front loop only of Rnd 24 of House

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc, (miss one st, [3tr in next st] twice, miss one st, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 50 sts

Fasten off

## WINDOW (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky make 10ch

☐ Row 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr in each st to end, turn. Seven sts

☐ Rows 2-4: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, turn

Do not fasten off

Now working around Window, 1dc in each st to end, working 2dc in each row end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## DOOR

Using 4mm hook and Jolly Purple make 12ch

☐ Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Window. Nine sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 3dtr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc

Do not fasten off

Now working around Door, 1dc in each st to end, working 2dc in each row end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LIGHT (MAKE 6 – 1 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red (Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Festive Blue, Figgy Pudding, Jolly Purple) make 2ch

☐ Row 1: MB in second ch from hook. One st

Fasten off

## WREATH

Using 4mm hook and Fir Green make 6ch, join with a sl st to first st to make a ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, sl st to next st, 4ch) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew House closed. Using Golden Yellow and a tapestry needle, embroider lines on Windows to create panels. Sew Windows and Door onto House. Add small Santa Red bow to bottom of Wreath and sew to Door. To string Lights, use Night Sky to make 10ch, 1dc in top of bobble st on one Light, (4ch, 1dc in top of next Light) for all Lights, 10ch. Fasten off and sew to House. Weave in all ends

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Star cushion

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Stripes and mid-row colour changes make this an eye-popping design that would look fab in a child's bedroom all year round

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Dusky Blue, Tinsel Teal, Merry Magenta, Berry Red, Fluffy ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: 24cm

**NOTE:** colour in brackets foll instructions indicates which yarn to use, fasten off if not used again within three rows; 1ch at beg of rows does not count as st

## PLAIN SECTION (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue (Merry Magenta) make 2ch

☐ Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook. Two sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Three sts

☐ Rows 3-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

☐ Rows 16-29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. Two sts

☐ Row 30: 1ch, dc2tog. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## FOUR DOTS SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-9: rep Rows 1-9 of Plain. Ten sts

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 5dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Berry Red). 11 sts

☐ Row 11-13: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Berry Red). 14 sts

☐ Row 14: 1ch, 7dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 5dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Berry Red). 15 sts

Cont in Berry Red

☐ Row 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

☐ Rows 16-17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 14 sts

☐ Row 18: 1ch, 6dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 5dc, dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). 13 sts

☐ Rows 19-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). Ten sts

☐ Row 22: 1ch, 4dc (Berry Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Berry Red). Nine sts

Cont in Berry Red

☐ Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## WHITE STRIPE SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-14: rep Rows 1-14 of Plain. 15 sts

Change to Fluffy

☐ Row 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

Change to Dusky Blue

☐ Rows 16-30: rep Rows 16-30 of Plain. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## SQUARE DESIGN SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Magenta make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-5: rep Rows 1-5 of Plain. Six sts

☐ Row 6: 1ch, 3dc (Merry Magenta), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn (Merry Magenta). Seven sts

☐ Rows 7-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Merry Magenta). 13 sts

☐ Rows 13-14: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta), 6dc (Dusky Blue), 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Merry Magenta). 15 sts

☐ Row 15: 1ch, 5dc (Merry Magenta), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, 2dc in next st (Merry Magenta), turn. 16 sts

☐ Row 16: 1ch, 5dc (Merry Magenta), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 15 sts

☐ Row 17: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta), 6dc (Dusky Blue), 3dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 14 sts

☐ Row 18: 1ch, 4dc (Merry Magenta), 6dc (Dusky Blue), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). 13 sts

☐ Rows 19-23: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). Eight sts

☐ Row 24: 1ch, 3dc (Merry Magenta), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Merry Magenta). Seven sts

Cont in Merry Magenta

☐ Rows 25-30: rep Rows 25-30 of Plain. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## HALF STRIPE SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Merry Magenta make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-14: rep Rows 1-14 of Plain. 15 sts

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Tinsel Teal, Cheeky Pink

☐ Rows 15-30: rep Rows 15-30 of Plain. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARROWS DESIGN SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-8: rep Rows 1-8 of Plain. Nine sts

☐ Row 9: 1ch, 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). Ten sts

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, 2dc in last st (Tinsel Teal), turn. 11 sts

☐ Row 11: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 12 sts

☐ Row 12: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 13 sts

☐ Row 13: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc in last st, turn (Tinsel Teal). 14 sts

Cont in Tinsel Teal

☐ Rows 14-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn. 16 sts

☐ Rows 16-17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 14 sts

☐ Row 18: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 13 sts

☐ Row 19: 1ch, 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 12 sts

☐ Row 20: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). 11 sts

☐ Row 21: 1ch, 3dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc (Tinsel Teal), 1dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). Ten sts

☐ Row 22: 1ch, 4dc (Tinsel Teal), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc, dc2tog, turn (Tinsel Teal). Nine sts

Cont in Tinsel Teal

☐ Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TWO SPOTS SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 2ch

☐ Rows 1-4: rep Rows 1-4 of Plain. Five sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 2dc in last st, turn (Cheeky Pink). Six sts

☐ Row 6: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, 2dc in last st, turn (Cheeky Pink). Seven sts

Cont in Cheeky Pink

☐ Rows 7-23: rep Rows 7-23 of Plain. Eight sts
☐ Row 24: 1ch, 3dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Cheeky Pink). Seven sts
☐ Row 25: 1ch, 2dc (Cheeky Pink), 2dc (Fluffy), 1dc, dc2tog, turn (Cheeky Pink). Six sts
Cont in Cheeky Pink
☐ Rows 26-30: rep Rows 26-30 of Plain Diamond. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## STRIPED SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 2ch
Work as for Plain in foll six-row stripe sequence: Cheeky Pink, Tinsel Teal, Berry Red, Dusky Blue, Merry Magenta
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## THREE LINES SECTION

Using 3.5mm hook and Dusky Blue make 2ch
☐ Rows 1-9: rep Rows 1-4 of Plain. Ten sts
☐ Row 10: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 7dc (Fluffy), 2dc in next st, turn (Dusky Blue). 11 sts
☐ Rows 11-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, turn (Dusky Blue). 15 sts
☐ Row 15: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 12dc (Fluffy), 2dc in next st, turn (Dusky Blue). 16 sts
☐ Row 16: 1ch, 2dc (Dusky Blue), 12dc (Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). 15 sts
☐ Rows 17-21: 1ch, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). Ten sts
☐ Row 22: 1ch, 1dc (Dusky Blue), 7dc (Fluffy), dc2tog, turn (Dusky Blue). Nine sts
Cont in Dusky Blue
☐ Rows 23-30: rep Rows 23-30 of Plain. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew five diamonds tog to make each side of star, working halfway up each diamond from where points meet. Place sides WS tog and using Fluffy work dc evenly through both layers around edge, stuffing as you go. Fasten off. Weave in all ends

## WHY NOT TRY...

For a simpler project, try single-colour segments

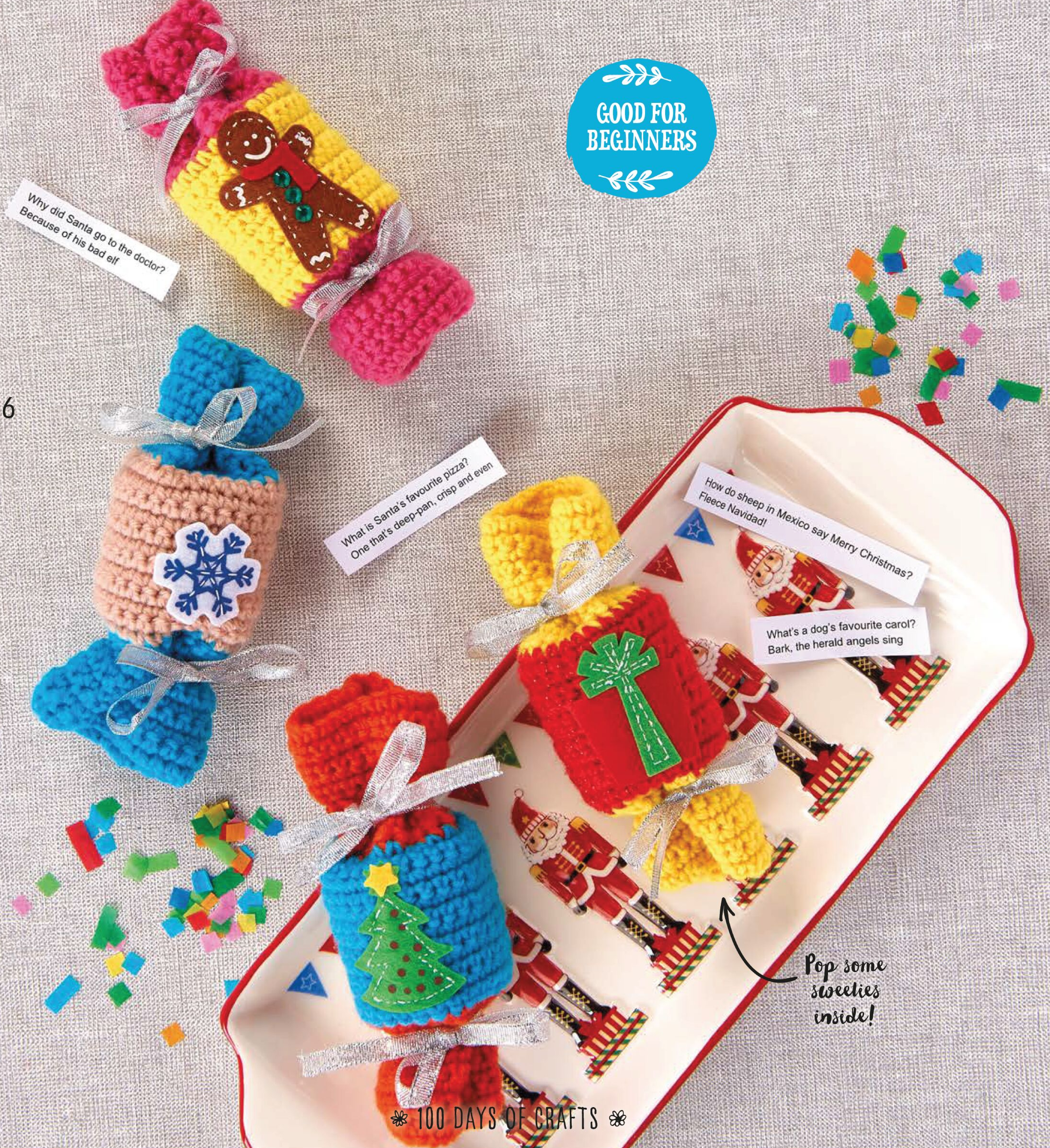
**TOP TIP!** TAKE YOUR TIME WHEN WORKING THE EDGING WITH THE FLUFFY YARN AND THE EASIER IT WILL BECOME

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Easy crackers

Christmas wouldn't be the same without cheesy jokes and there's only one way to deliver them!

**GOOD FOR BEGINNERS**

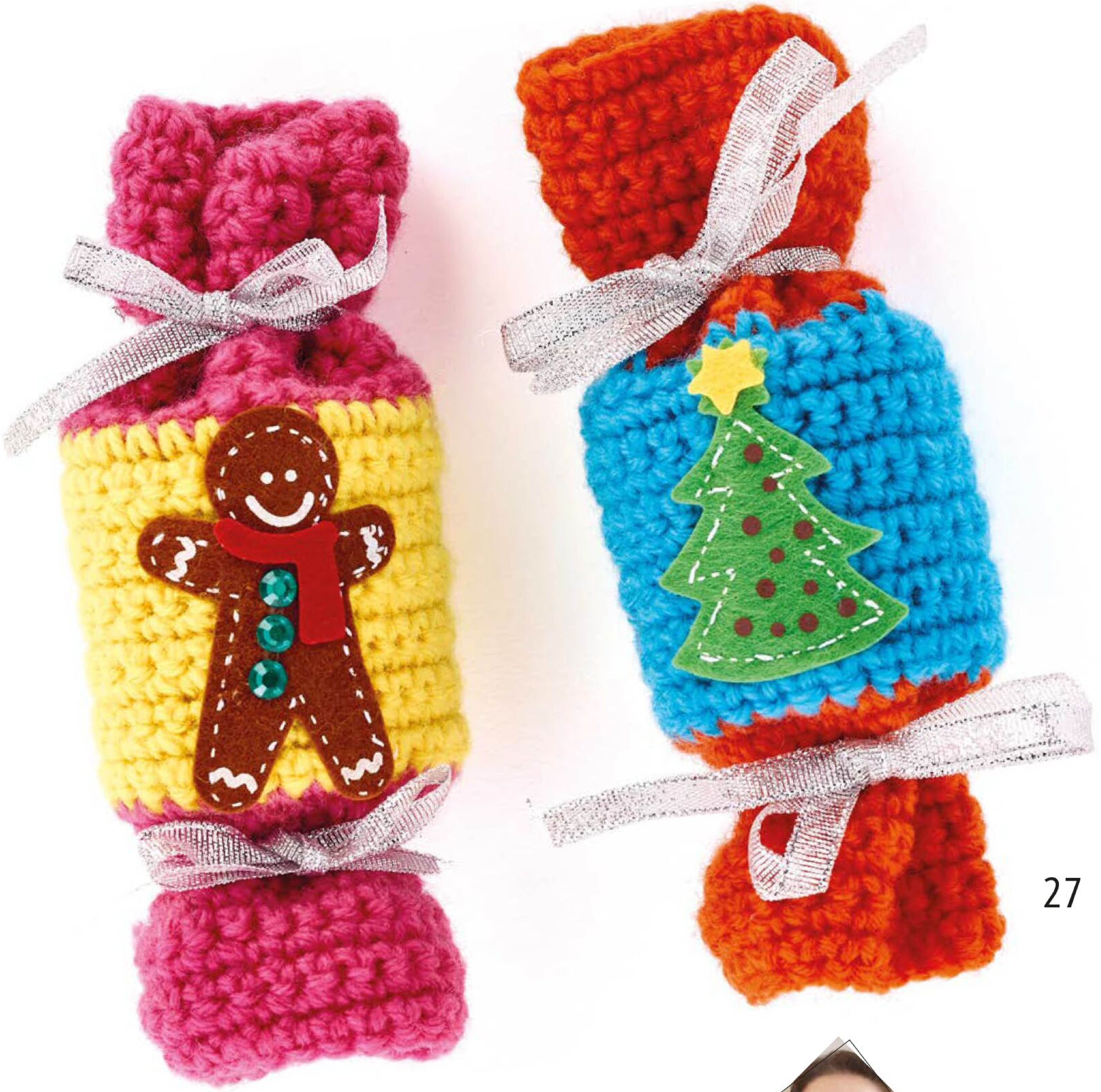

Why did Santa go to the doctor?
Because of his bad elf
What is Santa's favourite pizza?
One that's deep-pan, crisp and even
How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?
Fleece Navidad!
What's a dog's favourite carol?
Bark, the herald angels sing

Pop some sweeties inside!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Elf Blue, Candy Pink, Sweet Orange, Festive Red, Chestnut Brown, Bright Yellow ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Four 5cm lengths of cardboard tube ★ Four appliqué shapes ★ Ribbon ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Length (tied):15cm



### CRACKERS (MAKE 4)

Using 3.75mm hook and Sweet Orange (Bright Yellow, Elf Blue, Candy Pink) make 29ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 28 sts

☐ Rows 2-10: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

Change to Elf Blue (Festive Red, Chestnut Brown, Bright Yellow)

☐ Rows 11-22: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Change to Sweet Orange (Bright Yellow, Elf Blue, Candy Pink)

☐ Rows 23-32: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

With coloured borders at top and bottom, sew motif to centre of middle panel. Check fit around 5cm long cardboard tube, then using mattress st and matching yarn in a tapestry needle, join row ends tog to create tube shape. Weave in all ends. Insert tube and slide to centre. Insert contents. Thread a length of ribbon at each end through a st at back to hold, then tie a bow at front and trim. Rep for other end

**TOP TIP!** USE FABRIC GLUE TO ATTACH THE MOTIFS IF YOU PREFER

### JOKING AROUND

There are many websites with jokes if you need some inspo. You can hand write them, or type them out. Play around with the font and line length to get the right look. Here's some to get you started...

*What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?* The Christmas alphabet has No-el

*Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?* They drop their needles

*What do you call a Yeti with a six-pack?* The Abdominal Snowman!

*Who's always suspicious at Christmas?* A mince spy!

*Why did Santa go to hospital?* He had tinsellitis!

*How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?* Nothing, it was on the house!

*What's a parent's favourite carol?* Silent Night!

*What do snowmen wear on their heads?* Ice caps!

*What kind of music do elves listen to?* Wrap, of course!

*What do you call someone who's afraid of Father Christmas?* Claus-trophobic!

*"I used Christmas felt appliqués, but themed buttons, craft flowers or fabric rosettes would look just as great!"*

**HEATHER GIBBS**
DESIGNER

DESIGNER **SACHIYO ISHII**

# Mr & Mrs Claus

These poppets will be delighted to preside over your festivities

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Cheeky Pink, Berry Red, Fluffy, Tinsel Teal; 4-ply: dark brown, black ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Stitch markers ★ Four 6mm eye beads ★ Blusher (optional) ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height 13cm

### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in each st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in each st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in each st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 6-7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: 1ch, (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 10: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 11: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### SLEEVE (MAKE 4)

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

**NOTE:** change to Fluffy after Rnd 3

☐ Rnds 1-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ARM (MAKE 4)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make 5ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BOOT (MAKE 4 - 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Dusky Blue) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, working in back loops only, 4dc, 4htr, 4dc

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, 4dc, (htr2tog) twice, 4dc. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 4-5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### MR CLAUS' HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 14 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 1ch, (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 7: 1ch, (7dc, 2dc in next st) twice. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 8: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

**NOTE:** change to Fluffy after Rnd 9

☐ Rnds 9-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### MR CLAUS' BEARD

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make 10ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Nine sts

☐ Rows 2-3: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Seven sts

☐ Rows 4-5: 1ch, miss first st, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog. Three sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### MRS CLAUS' HAIR

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Head. 30 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### MRS CLAUS' BUN

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make 4ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff Body and Boots, then attach to Body in sitting position. Sew long edges of Arms tog, insert into Sleeves and secure at cuff. Attach Arms to Body. Using Cheeky Pink, embroider nose with a French knot on Rnd 9 of Head, then attach eyes approx five sts apart. For Mr Claus, stuff Head, attach Hat and join Head to Body. Fold under short edge of Beard by 1-2cm to round off, secure, then attach Beard to face. For Mrs Claus, embroider eyelashes using black 4-ply and mouth with dark brown 4-ply. Sew Hair to Head, add Bun on top, attach Dusky Blue bow. Using Fluffy, add two French knot buttons. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends

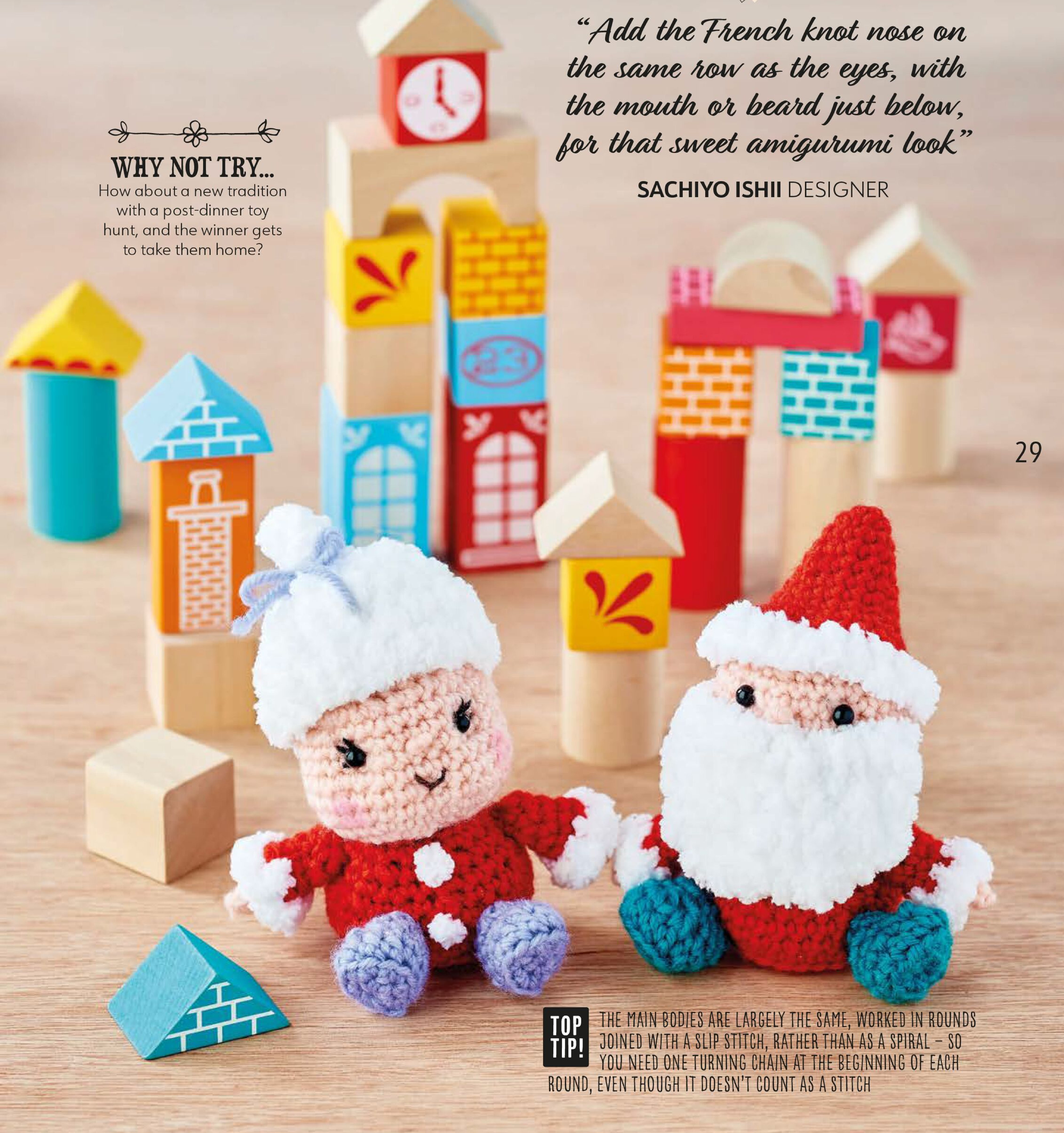
**GOOD FOR BEGINNERS**

> *"Add the French knot nose on the same row as the eyes, with the mouth or beard just below, for that sweet amigurumi look"*

**SACHIYO ISHII** DESIGNER

### WHY NOT TRY...

How about a new tradition with a post-dinner toy hunt, and the winner gets to take them home?



**TOP TIP!** THE MAIN BODIES ARE LARGELY THE SAME, WORKED IN ROUNDS JOINED WITH A SLIP STITCH, RATHER THAN AS A SPIRAL – SO YOU NEED ONE TURNING CHAIN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ROUND, EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T COUNT AS A STITCH

DESIGNER **SARAH REED**

# Jack the penguin

Penguins are playful creatures who live their lives in the snowiest of places, and we bet they'd love a chance to go skiing!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Rico Ricorumi DK, shades (A) 058 Silver Grey, two 25g balls, (B) 060 Black, (C) 001 White, (D) 062 Pastel Yellow, (E) 031 Sky Blue, (F) 029 Wine Red, one 25g ball of each ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch marker ★ Two 15cm x 1.8cm craft sticks ★ Two pipe cleaners ★ Safety stuffing ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Size: 21cm tall

**NOTE:** all sections of patt that are worked in rnds are worked in a spiral. Use a st marker to mark start of each rnd

## BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 8: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 9: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 10: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 66 sts

☐ Rnds 11-17: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 18: (9dc, dc2tog) to end. 60 sts

☐ Rnds 19-25: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 26: (8dc, dc2tog) to end. 54 sts

☐ Rnds 27-31: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 32: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnds 33-37: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 38: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off

## HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Work as for Body to Rnd 8. 54 sts

☐ Rnds 9-20: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 21: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 22: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off

## FACE

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C make 21ch

☐ Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 20 sts

☐ Rows 2-3: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

### Left side of face

☐ Rows 4-9: 1ch, 8dc, turn. Eight sts

☐ Row 10: 1ch, dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 11: 1ch, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 12: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice. Two sts

Fasten off

### Right side of face

Rejoin yarn C to first st on RS of Row 3

☐ Row 4: 8dc, turn. Eight sts

☐ Rows 5-12: rep Rows 5-12 of Left Side of Face

Fasten off

## BEAK

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn D make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## EYE (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

## WING (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 4-21: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## FOOT (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn D make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

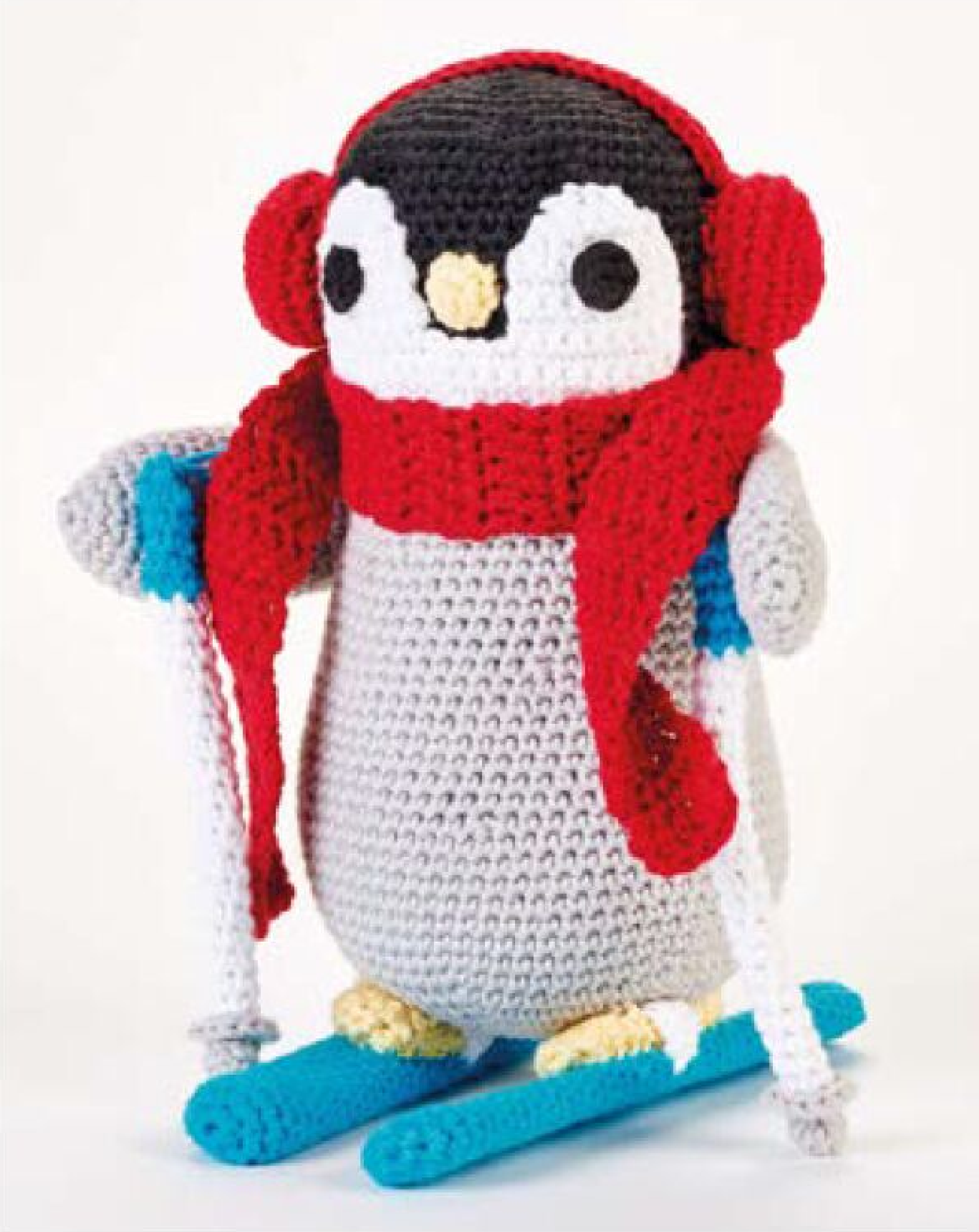
☐ Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 7-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



## SKI (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-41: 1dc in each st to end

Insert craft stick

☐ Rnd 42: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## FOOT STRAP (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C make 11ch

☐ Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off

## SKI POLE (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
Change to yarn C
☐ Rnds 3-20: 1dc in each st to end
Change to yarn E
☐ Rnds 21-25: 1dc in each st to end
Insert pipe cleaner and cut to size
Cut yarn leaving a 6cm tail, thread through rem sts and pull tight
Use tail to create a loop 3cm long and fasten off

## BOTTOM OF POLE (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 12dc into ring. 12 sts
Insert Ski Pole into magic ring in line with top of yarn A part of Ski, tighten magic ring, fasten off, then st in place to secure

## SCARF

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn F make 8ch
☐ Row 1: beg in fourth ch from hook, 1tr in each st to end, turn. Five sts
☐ Rows 2-74: 3ch (does not count as st throughout), 1tr in each st to end, turn
Fasten off

## EAR MUFF (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn F make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 6: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Fasten off

## POSITIONING

Position the feet before you attach them to make sure that the penguin can stand. The head is made from the top downwards. The body, wings and ski poles are made from the bottom to the top. The feet are made from the back to the front

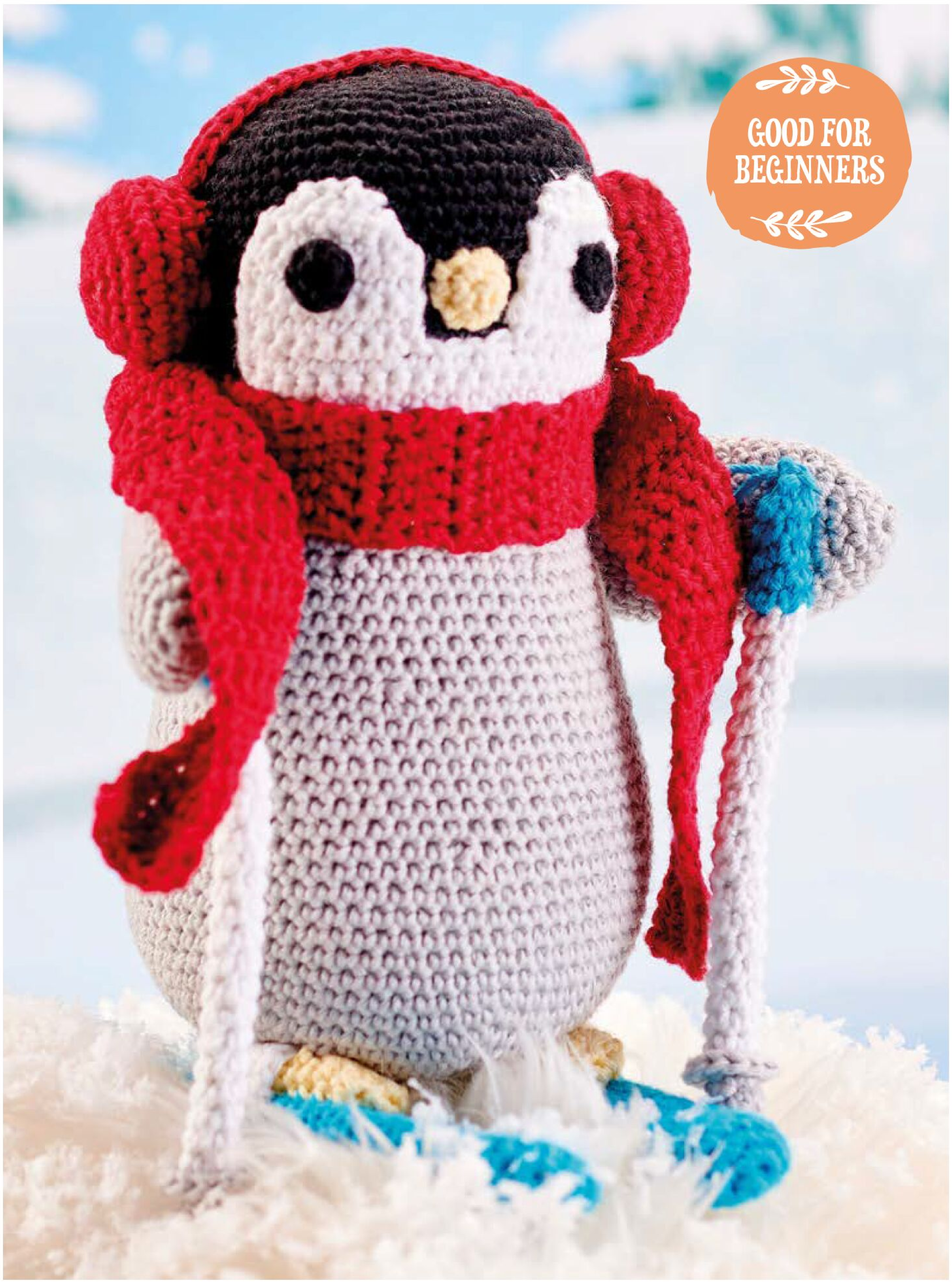
## EAR MUFF STRAP

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn F make 26ch
☐ Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Eyes to Face with top of Eyes approx three rows from top of Face and centred. Sew Face to Head so bottom of Face sits above last rnd of Head. Attach Beak in yarn B space between Eyes with one rnd of Head visible below. Stuff Head. Stuff Ear Muffs and sew to each side of Head, one row below top of Face and two sts back. Attach Ear Muff Strap. Stuff Body and attach Head. Sew Ski Poles to front of Wings, fourth rnd back. Attach Wings to Body two rnds below top of Body so that back of Wing is in line with back of Ear Muffs. Use couple of sts further down Wing to bring closer to Body. Sew a Foot Strap to middle of each Ski. Position Feet on each side before sewing to ensure Penguin can stand, then sew each Foot to bottom of Penguin, third rnd from centre of magic ring. Sew back of Foot to Body. Slide Ski onto Foot and st rest of Foot to Penguin and each Foot to Skis. Weave in ends. Wrap scarf around neck

**TOP TIP!** THE PATTERN IS WORKED IN THE WONDERFUL RICO RICORUMI YARN, A PURE COTTON THAT COMES IN 25G BALLS AND MORE THAN 80 SHADES!



DESIGNER **CLAIRE GARLAND**

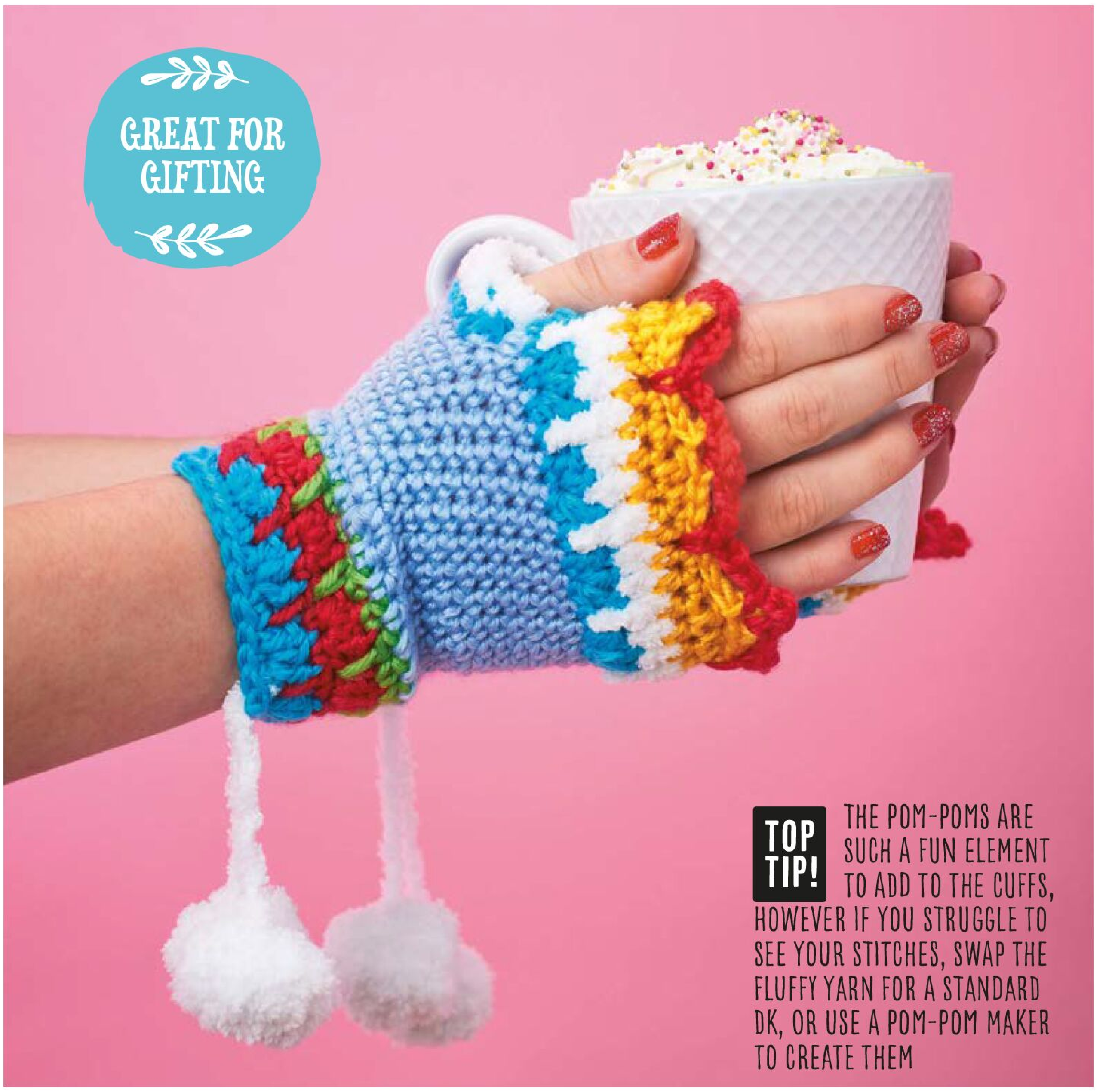
# Winter mittens

These colourful accessories are the ideal project to cheer up a winter's day

## KIT LIST

- Yarn, DK: Santa's Beard, Bauble Blue, Gold Coin, Brussels Sprouts, Rosy Cheeks
- 4mm hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

To fit: average woman's hands



GREAT FOR GIFTING

**TOP TIP!** THE POM-POMS ARE SUCH A FUN ELEMENT TO ADD TO THE CUFFS, HOWEVER IF YOU STRUGGLE TO SEE YOUR STITCHES, SWAP THE FLUFFY YARN FOR A STANDARD DK, OR USE A POM-POM MAKER TO CREATE THEM

### (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Bauble Blue make 27ch

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each ch to end, join with a sl st to first ch

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 3tr in fifth st from hook, miss two sts, (3tr in next st, miss two sts) to last st, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st to third of first ch

Change to Rosy Cheeks

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, miss two sts, 2dc, (1tr in sp between tr cluster, miss one st, 2dc) to end, 1tr in top of first ch from prev row

☐ Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr) miss two sts, (3tr in next dc, miss two sts) to last st, 2tr in next dc, join with a sl st to third of first ch

Change to Brussels Sprouts

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, miss one st, 2dc, (1tr in sp between tr cluster, miss one st, 2dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Change to Icicle

☐ Rnd 6: 1ch, miss next st, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st, pm

☐ Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 10-13: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st. 35 sts

**NOTE:** separate hand from thumb and cont on hand only as folls:

☐ Rnd 14: 29dc, 5ch, miss 13 sts, 1dc in next st to join hand sts. 27 sts

☐ Rnd 15: 22dc, join Bauble Blue, 5dc. 27 sts

☐ Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 17: rep Rnd 4

Change to Santa's Beard

☐ Rnd 18: rep Rnd 5

Change to Gold Coin

☐ Rnd 19: 1ch, 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

☐ Rnd 20: 1ch, (1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, sl st in next st) to end. 29 sts

☐ Rnd 21: (sl st to tr st, sl st in top of tr, [3ch, one sl st] in same st) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Change to Rosy Cheeks

☐ Rnd 22: (4ch, one sl st in 3ch sp, [4ch, one sl st] in same st, 4ch, miss four sts, 1dc in next st) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

### THUMB

Using 4mm hook and Bauble Blue, join with a sl st where hand divides from thumb

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

Change to Santa's Beard

☐ Rnd 2: rep Rnd 1

Fasten off

### POM-POM (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm hook and Santa's Beard make 6ch, join with a sl st to form ring, work 12dc into ring. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 2dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

### TO MAKE UP

Cut approx 10cm length of Santa's Beard and thread through last sts, pull to close hole. Use ends to join Pom-poms to cuff. Weave in all ends

# Fibre focus

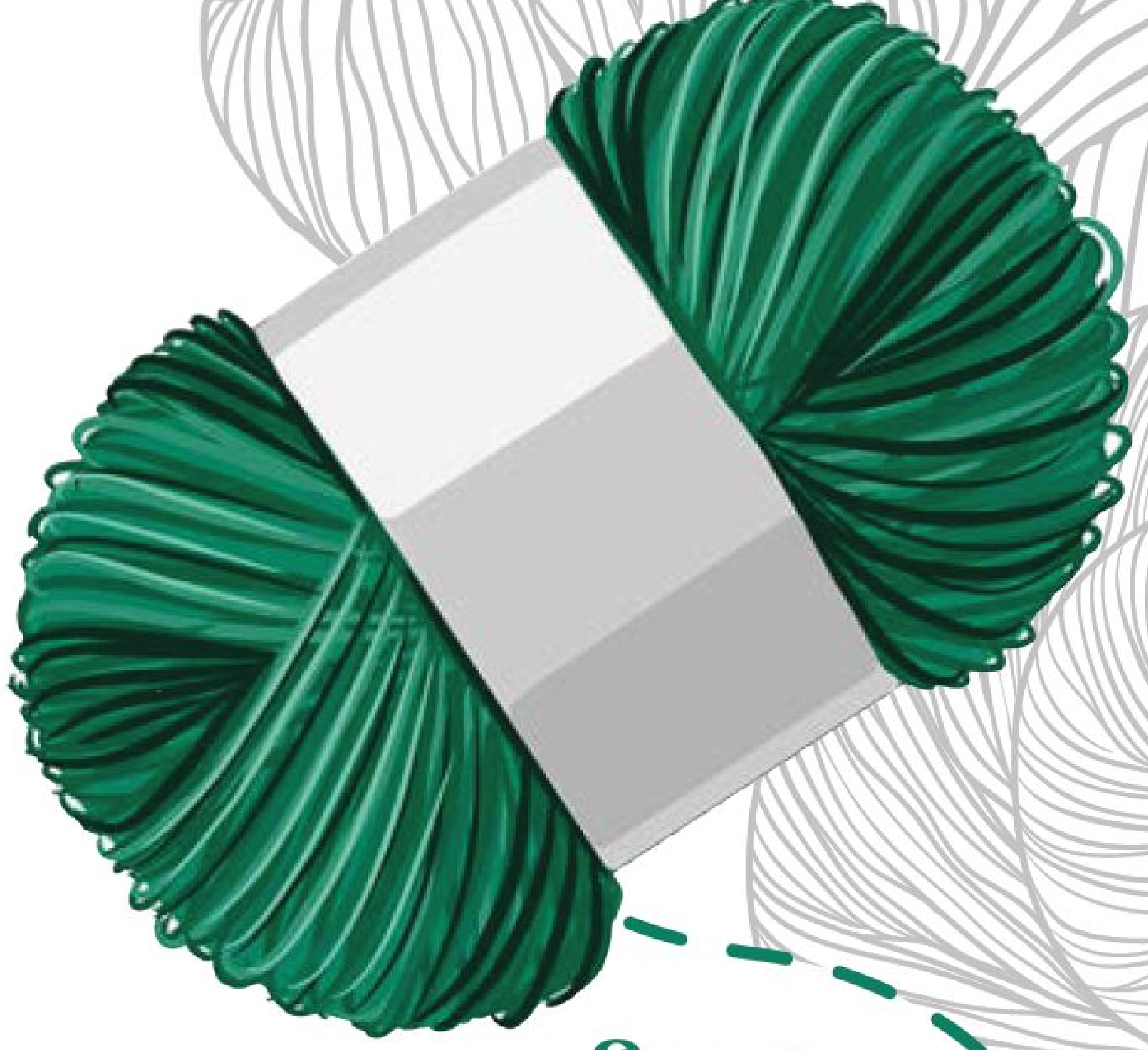
Choose the right yarn for your project with our handy guide!

### Lace weight

(1-PLY OR 2-PLY)
**2mm-2.5mm hook or needles**
Perfect for intricate patterns and legacy garments such as Christening blankets

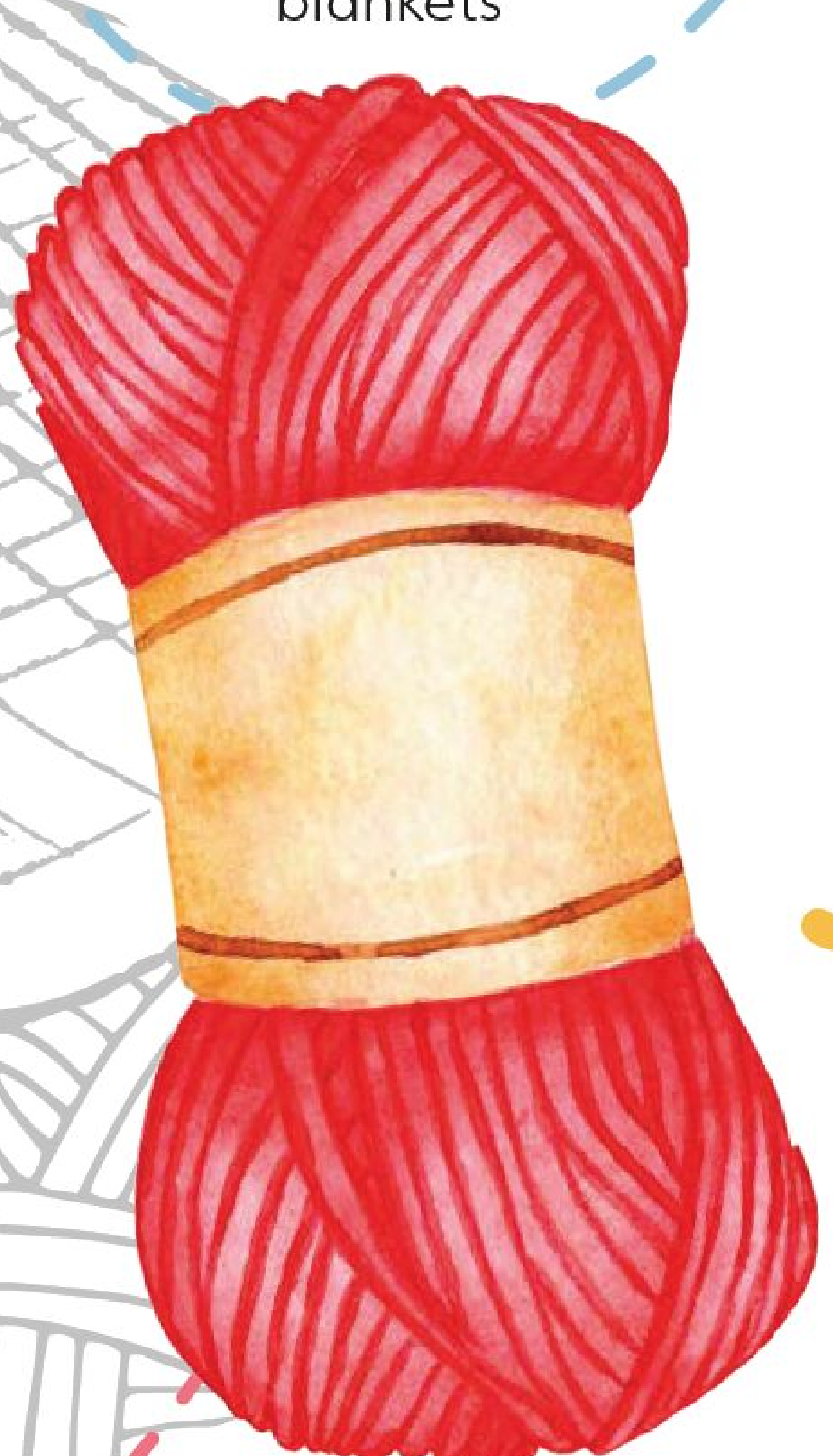
### Light fingering

(3-PLY OR 4-PLY)
**2.75mm-3mm hook or needles**
Often used to create a light, flexible fabric that's ideal for socks, shawls and baby garments



### Sport

(5-PLY OR 6-PLY)
**3.5mm-3.75mm hook or needles**
A more delicate choice than DK, sport weight yarn creates lightweight garments and is brilliant for colourwork



### Double knitting

(8-PLY)
**4mm hook or needles**
Usually known as DK, it's the most versatile yarn weight. Use it for toys, garments, accessories, blankets and more!

### Aran and worsted

(10-PLY)
**4.5mm-5mm hook or needles**
This thicker weight works up quickly but still has the drape of a finer yarn. It's ideal for crafting jumpers, cardigans and blankets

### Chunky

(12-PLY OR 14-PLY)
**6mm hook or needles**
Super quick to work with, chunky yarn is a great choice for cosy garments, homewares and thick throws

### Super chunky

(16-PLY)
**8mm-12mm hook or needles**
Ideal for making statement pieces for your home and cosy garments to snuggle up with

DESIGNER **ALI CAMPBELL**

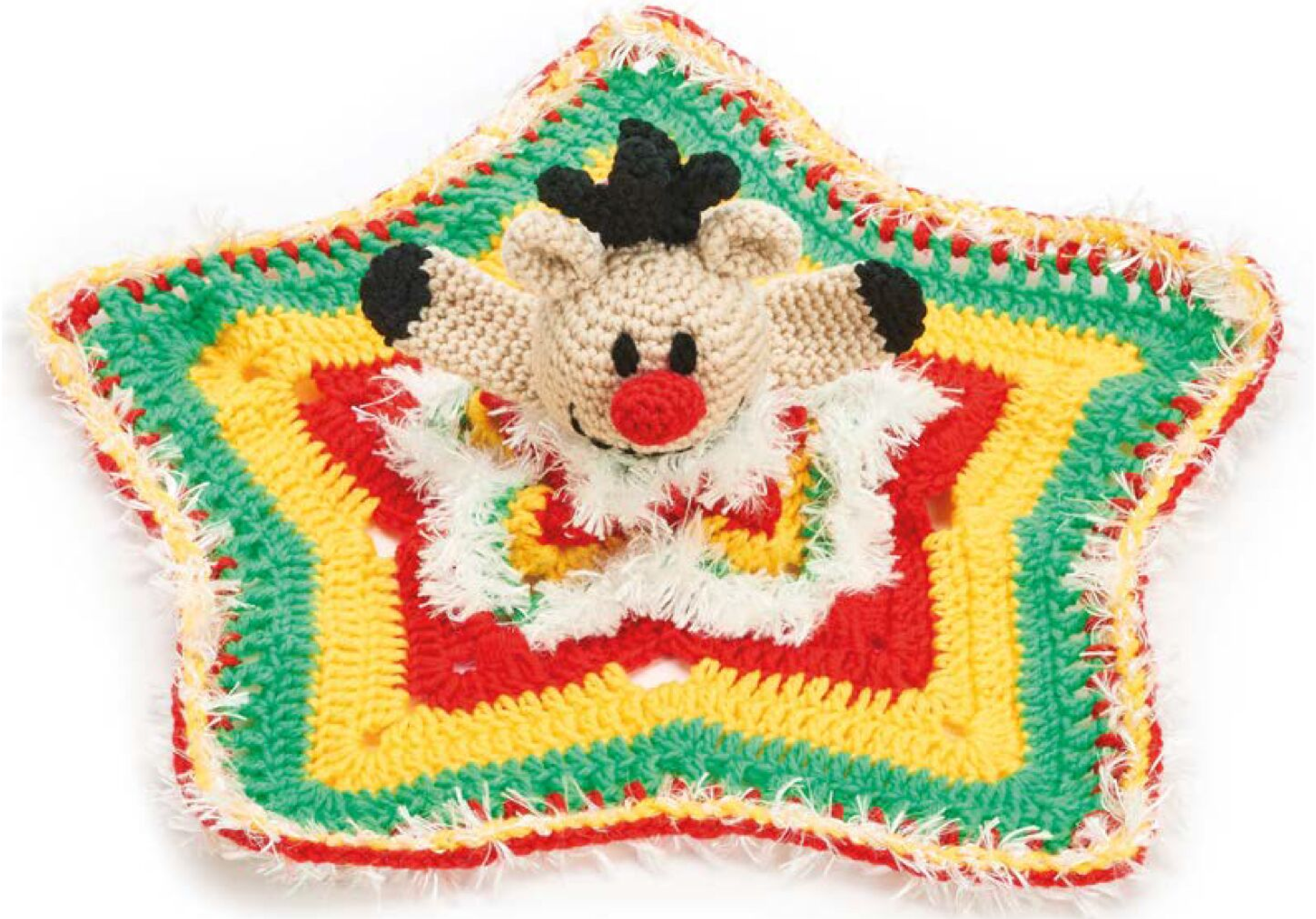
# Rudolph blankie

Crochet a Christmas comforter for a baby made up of an amigurumi reindeer and a star shaped blanket

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Holly Green, Star Yellow, Fluffy White, Santa Red, Coal Black, Frosty Peach ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Blanket width: 41cm. Reindeer height: 10cm



## BLANKET

**NOTE:** 3ch at beg of each rnd counts as a st

Using 3.75mm hook and Holly Green make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch, work 9tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 2: (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in next st, one sl st in next st) four times, (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in next st, join with a sl st to first st. 30 sts

Fasten off Holly Green, join Fluffy White to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 3: (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, one sl st in next sl st, * (3tr, 3ch, 3tr) in next 3ch sp, one sl st in next sl st, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten Off Fluffy White, join Santa Red to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 4: (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, (3tr, miss next sl st, 3tr, [3tr, 3ch, 3tr] in next 3ch sp) four times, 3tr, miss next sl st, 3tr, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 60 sts

Fasten off Santa Red, join Star Yellow to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 5: * (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, 3tr, 1ch, miss six sts, 3tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten off Star Yellow, join Holly Green to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 6: * (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, 6tr, 1dc in next 1ch sp, 6tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 95 sts

Fasten off Holly Green, join Fluffy White to any st

☐ Rnd 7: 1ch, working in front loops only 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off Fluffy White, join Santa Red to any 3ch sp from Rnd 6

☐ Rnd 8: * (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, working in back loops only 6tr, miss six sts, 6tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 90 sts

☐ Rnd 9: sl st to next 3ch sp, * (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, 9tr, 1dc in sp between 6tr cl, 9tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to first st. 125 sts

Fasten off Santa Red, join Star Yellow to any 3ch sp from prev rnd

☐ Rnd 10: * (3ch, 2tr, 3ch, 3tr) in same sp, 9tr, 1ch, miss seven sts, 9tr, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 120 sts

☐ Rnd 11: one sl st in each of next two sts and 3ch corner sp, (3ch, 2tr, 1dtr, 1ch, 1dtr, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, * 12tr, 3tr cl in next 1ch sp (see panel), 12tr, (3tr, 1dtr, 1ch, 1dtr, 3tr) in next 3ch sp, rep from * three times, 12tr, 3tr cl in next 1ch sp, 12tr, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 165 sts

Fasten off Star Yellow, join Holly Green to any 3ch sp

☐ Rnd 12: (3ch, 1tr, 1dtr, 1ch, 1dtr, 2tr) in same 3ch sp, * 15tr, tr3tog, 15tr, (2tr, 1dtr, 1ch, 1dtr, 2tr) in next 3ch sp, rep from * three times, 15tr, tr3tog, 15tr, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 185 sts

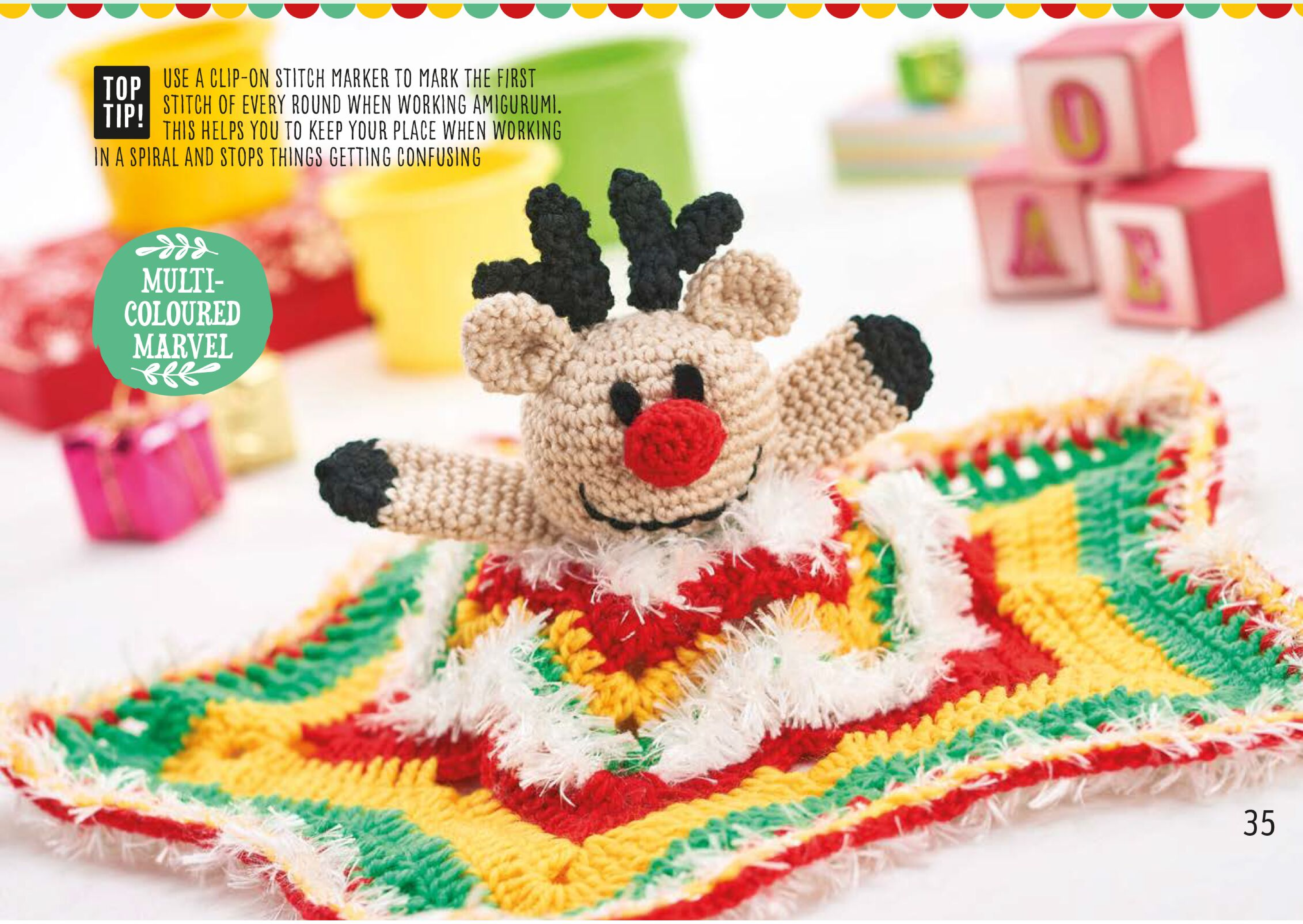
☐ Rnd 13: one sl st in each of next three sts, (3ch, 1tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 1ch sp, * (miss one st, 1ch, 1tr) to next 1ch sp, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in next 1ch sp, rep from * three times, (miss one st, 1ch, 1tr) to next 1ch sp, 1ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 110 sts

Fasten off Holly Green, join Santa Red to any 3ch corner sp

☐ Rnd 14: (3ch, 1tr, 3ch, 2tr) in same 3ch sp, * (1ch, 1tr) in each 1ch sp to next 3ch sp, (2tr, 3ch, 2tr) in 3ch sp, rep from * three times, (1ch, 1tr)

## IN STITCHES

**Three treble cluster:** yoh, insert hook into sp as instructed in patt, pull yarn through, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook. Two loops on hook. Yoh, insert hook into same sp, pull yarn through, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook. Three loops on hook. Yoh, insert hook into same sp, pull yarn through, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all four loops on hook



**TOP TIP!** USE A CLIP-ON STITCH MARKER TO MARK THE FIRST STITCH OF EVERY ROUND WHEN WORKING AMIGURUMI. THIS HELPS YOU TO KEEP YOUR PLACE WHEN WORKING IN A SPIRAL AND STOPS THINGS GETTING CONFUSING

MULTI-COLOURED MARVEL

in each 1ch sp to next 3ch sp, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 115 sts

Fasten off Santa Red, join Star Yellow and Fluffy White held double to any 1ch sp

☐ Rnd 15: one sl st in each ch sp and st to end, working three sl sts in each 3ch corner sp. 230 sts

Fasten off

## HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Frosty Peach make a magic ring, 1ch, 8dc into ring. Eight sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st). 40 sts

☐ Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 12: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnds 13-14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Finish stuffing

☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 17: sl st to close hole

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

## NOSE

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, 1ch, 8dc into ring. Eight sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 10: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Finish stuffing

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

## LARGE ANTLER (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Coal Black make a magic ring, 1ch, 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## SMALL ANTLER (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Coal Black make a magic ring, 1ch, 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Frosty Peach make a magic ring, 1ch, 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Coal Black make a magic ring, 1ch, 8dc into ring. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Frosty Peach

☐ Rnds 3-14: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Fold Ears in half, pinch base tog and join with a sl st. Sew Small Antler to Large Antler, then sew Antlers, Ears and Nose to Head. Using Coal Black embroider eyes and mouth. Pinch ends of Arms and join with a sl st. Sew Arms to bottom of Head then sew Head to Blanket

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

# Lucille deer

Enhance your sewing up skills with this little cutie, as her antlers, ears and flowers take time and patience to get just right

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Fair Fawn, Frosty Blue, Merry Red, Soft Pink, Peppermint, True Ivy ★ 4mm hook ★ Two 8mm black safety eyes ★ Stuffing ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height 18cm

### HEAD

Using 4mm hook and Fair Fawn make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 7: (2dc in next st) six times, 12dc. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 8: (1dc, 2dc in next st) six times, 12dc. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 9-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx nine sts apart

☐ Rnd 16: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 17: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### BODY

Using 4mm hook and Fair Fawn make 6ch

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 3dc, 3dc in next st, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 4dc. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 3dc, 2dc in next st. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) three times, 4dc, 2dc in next st. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (2dc, 2dc in next st) three times, 5dc, 2dc in next st. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Frosty Blue

☐ Rnds 9-16: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 18: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 19: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 20: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### LEG (MAKE 4 - 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 4mm hook and Frosty Blue (Frosty Blue) make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fair Fawn (cont in Frosty Blue)

☐ Rnds 4-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Fair Fawn make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (1dc, dc2tog) twice. Four sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TAIL

Using 4mm hook and Frosty Blue make 2ch

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Ear

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### LARGE ANTLER (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Frosty Blue make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SMALL ANTLER (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Frosty Blue make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnds 2-4: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FLOWER (MAKE 5 - 2 IN MERRY RED & 3 IN SOFT PINK)

Using 4mm hook and chosen yarn make 3ch

Sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in next ch, (2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in first of beg 3ch) four times

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### LEAF (MAKE 2)

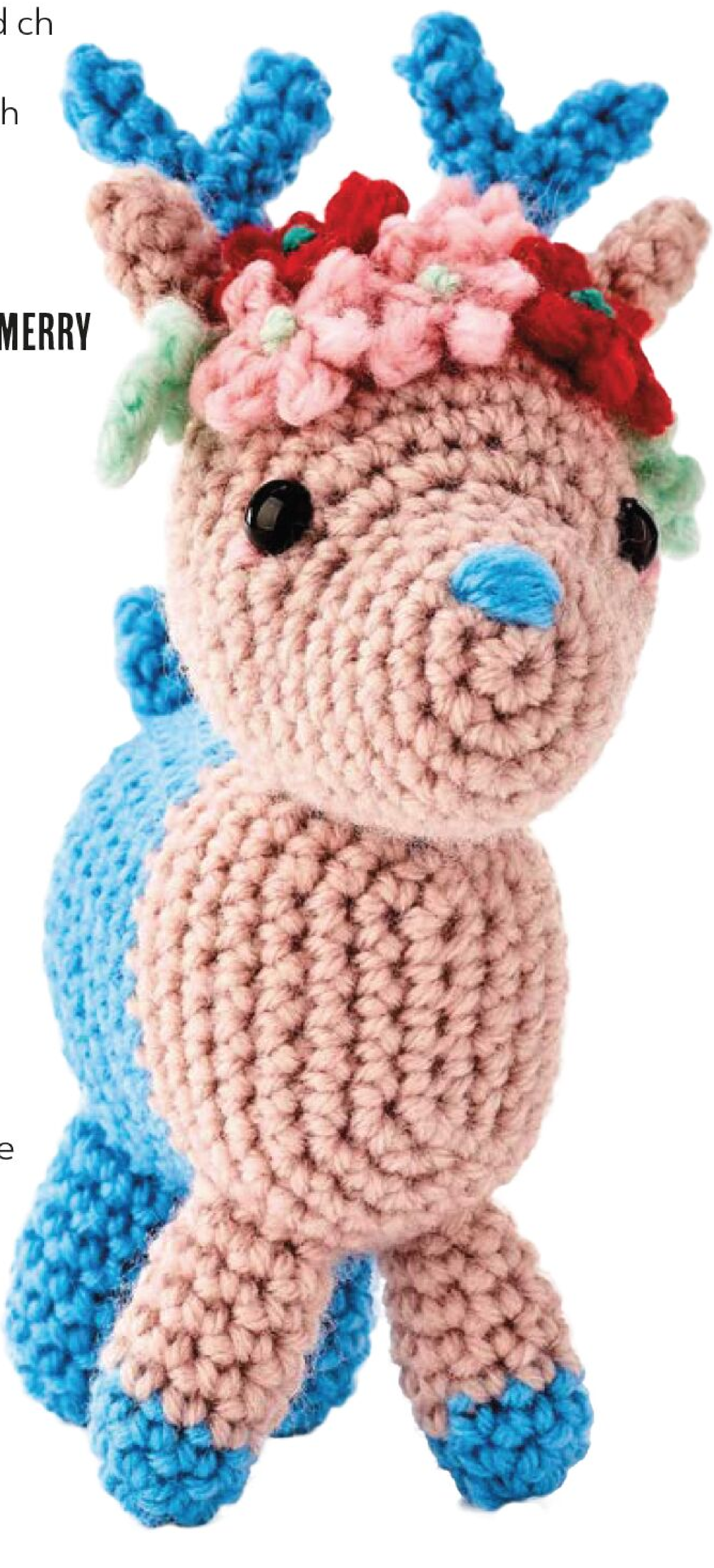
Using 4mm hook and Peppermint make 3ch

Sl st in second ch from hook, (2ch, sl st in second ch from hook) three times, sl st in base of second leaf made, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in base of first leaf made, sl st in first of beg 3ch

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff and sew up Head and Body, attach Head to Body. Stuff Legs and sew to Body. Attach Tail. Sew Ears to top of Head, leaving space for Flowers. Sew Small Antler to Large Antler and attach behind Ears. Use Frosty Blue to embroider a nose and Soft Pink for cheeks under eyes. Add Flowers and Leaves to Head using Peppermint and True Ivy to embroider French knots in centre of each Flower. Weave in all ends



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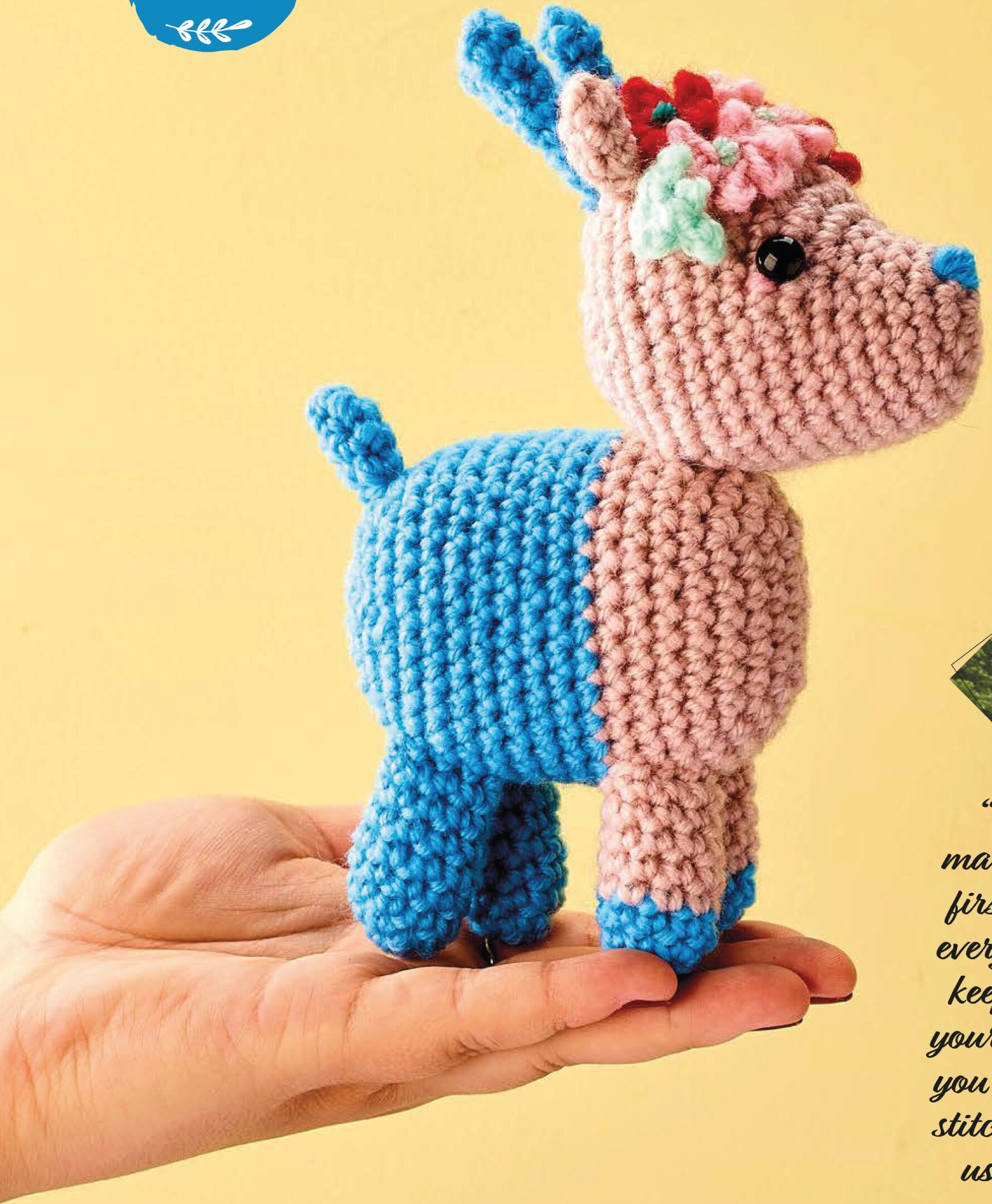


*"Place a marker in the first stitch of every round to keep track of your stitches. If you don't have stitch markers, use a spare piece of yarn"*

**SARAH-JANE HICKS**
DESIGNER

**TOP TIP!** PIN THE FLOWERS AND LEAVES IN PLACE BEFORE SEWING THEM ON

DESIGNER **CORINNE BRADD**

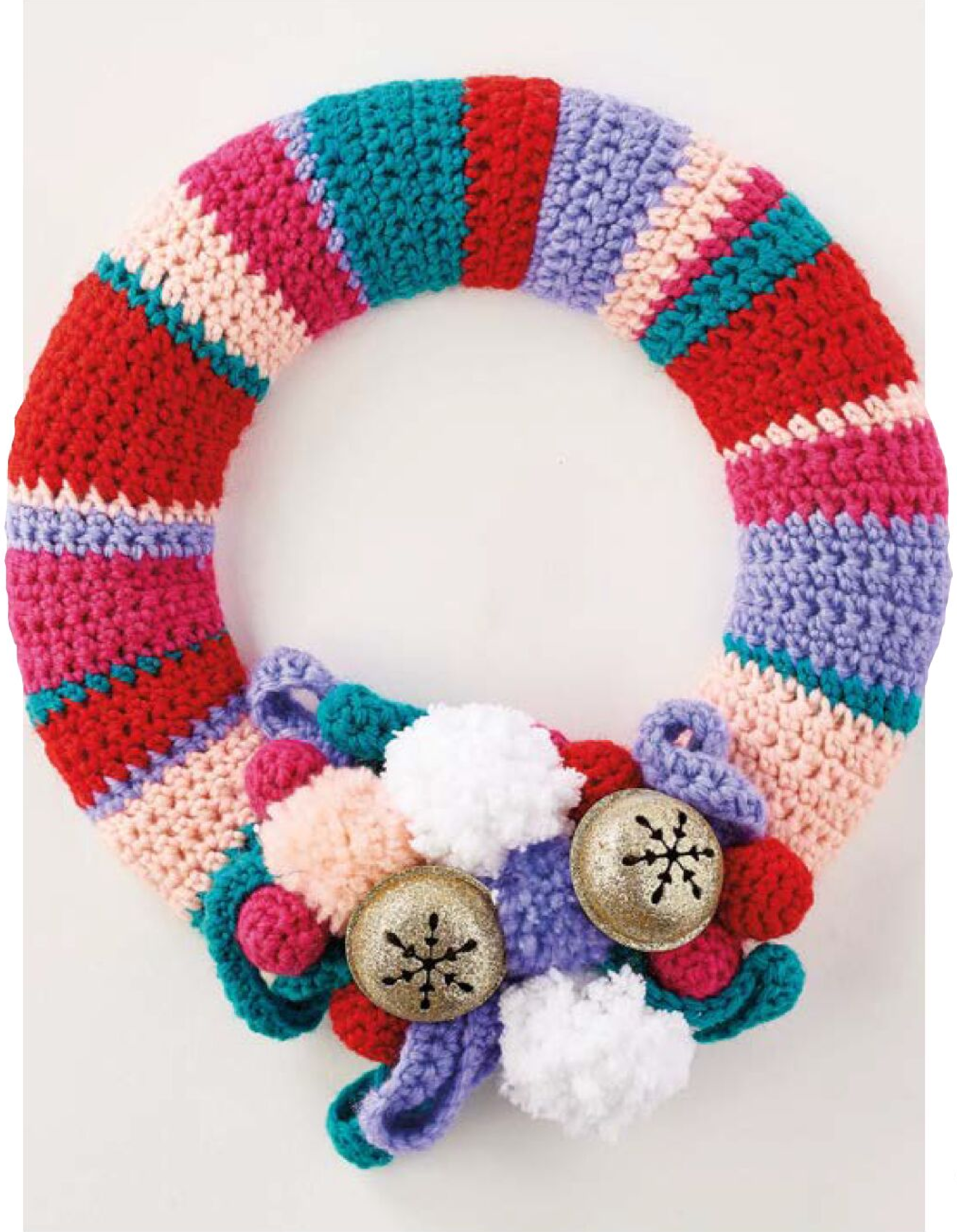
# Striped wreath

Bells, pom-poms, loopy leaves and bright berries adorn this jazzy cover for a totally different take on this year's Christmas staple

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Dusky Blue, Cheeky Pink, Merry Magenta, Tinsel Teal, Berry Red ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Pom-pom makers ★ Cardboard cereal packets ★ Glue ★ Tapestry needle ★ Bells ★ Scissors

Diameter: 24cm



## COVER

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red make 17ch

**NOTE:** work in stripe sequence (see panel)

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1edc in each st to end, turn. 16 sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 6dc, 5edc, 5htr, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1edc in each st to end, turn

☐ Rows 4-103: rep Rows 2-3 50 times

☐ Row 104: rep Row 2

Fasten off

## BERRY (MAKE 7 - 3 IN BERRY RED & 4 IN MERRY MAGENTA)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring, join with a sl st in first st. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st in first st. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, join with a sl st in first st. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 3-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st in first st

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc, dc2tog) to end, join with a sl st in first st. Eight sts

Fasten off

## LOOPY LEAF (MAKE 7 - 3 IN DUSKY BLUE & 4 IN TINSEL TEAL)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn make 26ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1edc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1edc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Cut six 24cm-diameter rings with 13cm centre from card. Glue tog to make stiff base. Make four pom-poms in assorted yarn. Whip st ends of Cover tog. Wrap Cover around base, sewing row ends tog at back. Leaving 2cm gap between row ends, stitch tog 10cm to secure Cover to base and stuff lightly. Cont to join at the back in 10cm sections, stuffing as you go. Lightly stuff Berries and stitch open end firmly to Cover. Fold Loopy Leaves in half to make loop and sew ends to Cover, along with pom-poms and bells as shown. Weave in all ends

## WHY NOT TRY...

Add the flowers on p9, bows on p116 or fairy lights on p22 for your own festive design

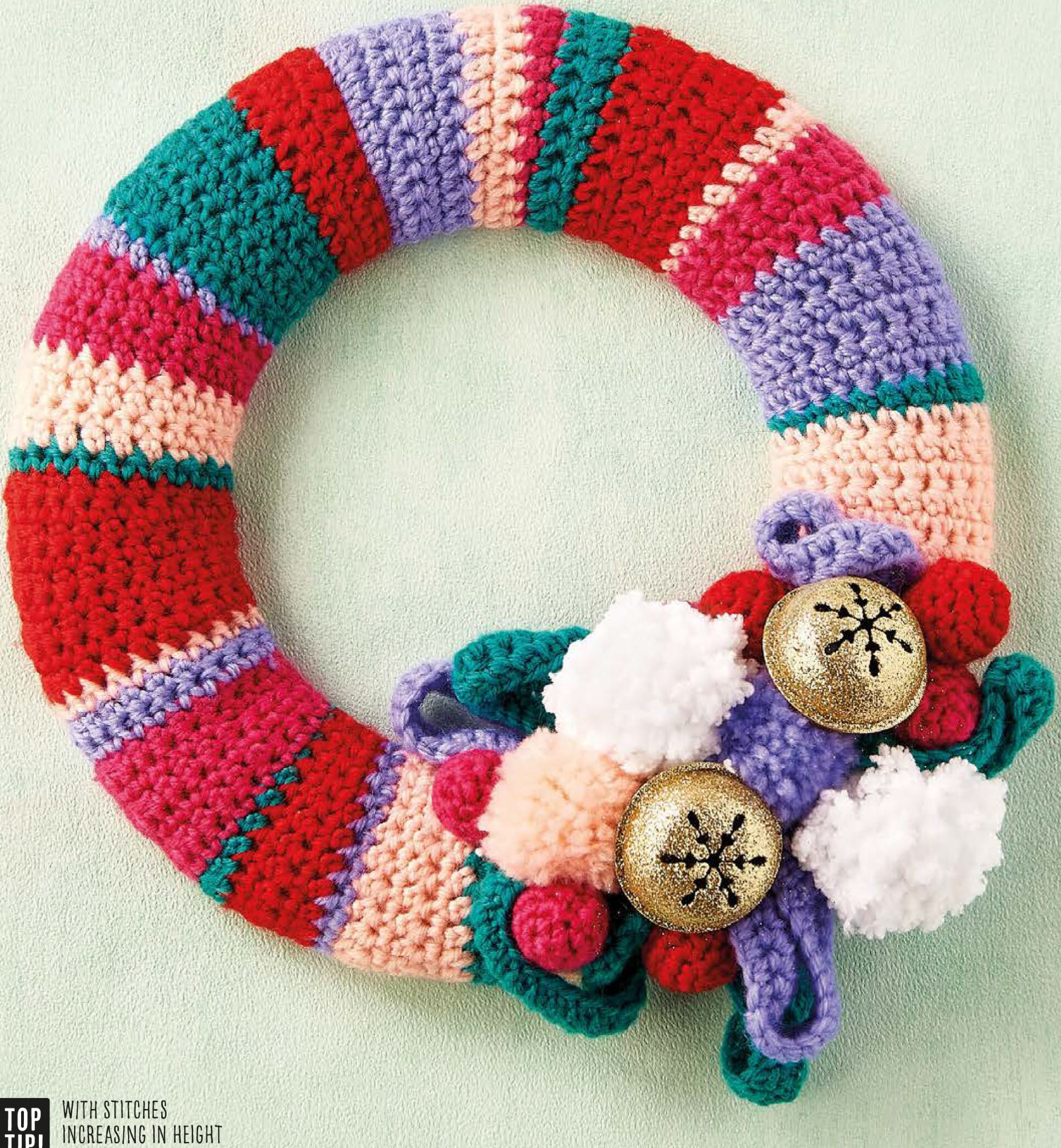
## STRIPE SEQUENCE

Four rows Dusky Blue,
two rows Cheeky Pink,
one row Merry Magenta,
two rows Tinsel Teal,
five rows Berry Red,
one row Cheeky Pink,
three rows Merry Magenta,
six rows Dusky Blue,
one row Tinsel Teal,
six rows Cheeky Pink,
four rows Berry Red,
one row Dusky Blue,
two rows Tinsel Teal,
seven rows Merry Magenta,
six rows Dusky Blue,
two rows Cheeky Pink,
one row Berry Red,
two rows Tinsel Teal,
five rows Cheeky Pink,
one row Dusky Blue,
four rows Berry Red,
one row Tinsel Teal,
six rows Merry Magenta,
two rows Dusky Blue,
one row Cheeky Pink,
nine rows Berry Red,
one row Tinsel Teal,
four rows Cheeky PInk,
four rows Merry Magenta,
one row Dusky Blue,
six rows Tinsel Teal,
three rows Berry Red

## IN STITCHES

**Extended double crochet (edc):** Insert hook front to back in designated st, yoh, pull through (two loops on hook), yoh and pull through first loop only (two loops on hook), yoh and pull through two loops

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS



**TOP TIP!** WITH STITCHES INCREASING IN HEIGHT TO THE OUTER EDGE ON ALTERNATE ROWS, YOU'LL FIND THIS COVER HAS AN INBUILT CURVE FOR A NEAT FIT

DESIGNER **KAREN WIEDERHOLD**

# Icy snowflakes

Whether used as coasters, gift toppers, hanging decs or simply scattered across the mantelpiece, yule love these cool makes

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Milk Bottle, Silver Sparkle, Tinsel Blue ★ 5mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Diameter: 16cm

## DIAMOND FLAKE

Using 5mm hook and Milk Bottle make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: (6ch, one sl st into ring) six times. Six loops made

☐ Rnd 2: sl st along to top of next 6ch loop, (8ch, one sl st in top of next loop) to end. Six 8ch loops made

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (4dc, 3ch, 4dc) in each 8ch sp to end, join with a sl st to first st. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 4: sl st to next 3ch sp, (one sl st, 3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same 3ch sp, 3ch, miss three sts, 1tr, ([3ch, 3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 3ch sp, 3ch, miss three sts, 1tr) five times, 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 5: * sl st to next 2ch sp at tip, (5ch, one sl st, 8ch, one sl st, 5ch, one sl st) in 2ch sp, rep from * to end, sl st to first st, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

## BLUE FLAKE

5mm hook and Tinsel Blue make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) into ring, (1ch, 2tr) into ring five times, 1ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: sl st to next 1ch sp, (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in same 1ch sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in each 1ch sp to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: sl st to next 2ch sp, (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr, 5ch, 3tr) in same 1ch sp, (3tr, 5ch, 3tr) in each 2ch sp to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

☐ Rnd 4: (sl st to next 5ch sp, [5ch, one sl st, 8ch, one sl st, 10ch, one sl st, 8ch, one sl st, 5ch, one sl st] in same 5ch sp) to end, join with a sl st to st

Fasten off

## SILVER FLAKE

Using 5mm hook and Silver Sparkle make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (one sl st, 6ch [counts as 3ch, 1tr]) in next sp between sts, 1tr in next sp between sts, (3ch, 1tr in next sp between sts) to end, 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch

☐ Rnd 3: sl st in next 3ch sp, 10ch (counts as 1tr, 7ch), miss next 3ch sp, 1tr in next 3ch sp, (7ch, miss next 3ch sp, 1tr in next 3ch sp) four times, 7ch, join with a sl st to third of first 10ch. Six 7ch loops made

☐ Rnd 4: ([6ch, one sl st, 8ch, one sl st, 6ch, one sl st] in next sp, 7dc in 7ch sp, one sl st in next tr) to end

☐ Rnd 5: sl st to centre of next 6ch loop, 6ch, 1dc in next 8ch loop, 5ch, 1dc in next 6ch loop, (7ch, 1dc in next 6ch loop, 5ch, 1dc in next 8ch loop, 5ch, 1dc in next 6ch loop) to end, 7ch, join with a sl st to first loop

☐ Rnd 6: (sl st to next 8ch loop, [one sl st, 8ch, one sl st] in same 8ch loop) to end, sl st across next 12 sts, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

## ROUND FLAKE

Using 5mm hook and Milk Bottle make 6ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 8ch (counts as 1dc, 6ch), 1dc into ring, (6ch, 1dc) into ring four times, 6ch, join with a sl st to first of first 8ch. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: one sl st in each of next four ch, (6ch, 1dc in next 6ch sp) five times, 6ch, join with a sl st to first ch

☐ Rnd 3: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 5tr) in next dc, (3ch, 6tr in next dc) to end, 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (sl st to centre of next 6tr cl, [8ch, one sl st] in same sp) to end, join with a sl st to first st

☐ Rnd 5: (sl st to next 8ch sp, [6ch, one sl st, 8ch, one sl st, 6ch, one sl st] into same 8ch sp) to end, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

### WAYS WITH YOUR SNOWFLAKES!

**Doily** Join seven of the same snowflakes in a cluster

**Lacy tablecloth** Join several rows of the same pattern

**Garland** String a few of each motif with ribbon or twine

**Cushion cover** Stitch a snowflake onto a plain cover

**Coaster** Swap the yarn for string and follow the patterns for a sturdy make

**Serviette ring** Fold a snowflake in half then stitch two pairs of points together to form a tube

**Shawl** Join several snowflakes in a triangle

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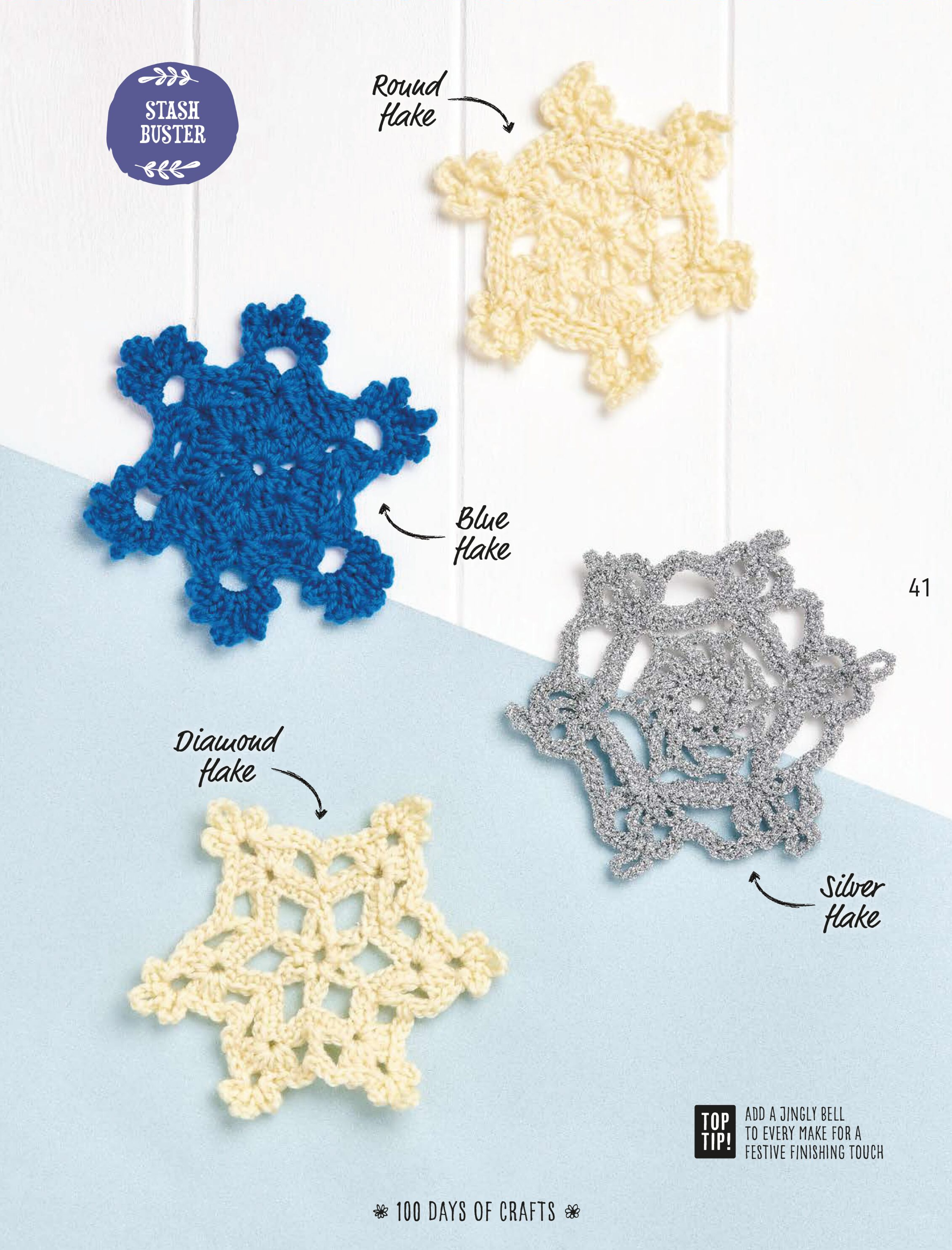


Round flake

Blue flake

Diamond flake

Silver flake

**TOP TIP!** ADD A JINGLY BELL TO EVERY MAKE FOR A FESTIVE FINISHING TOUCH

DESIGNER **EMMA VARNAM**

# Tea cosy

This simple project is ideal for beginner crocheters as it involves no shaping

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

## KIT LIST

- ★ Yarn, DK: Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl
- ★ 3mm hook
- ★ Pom-pom maker
- ★ Tapestry needle
- ★ Scissors

Size: 15cm x 16cm

## SIDE (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl make 28ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 27 sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl

☐ Rows 3-30: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Join seams at top with a few sts. Using Cherry Whirl weave a few sts along top seam and pull yarn to gather. Secure with a few sts. Join one side of bottom seam with a few sts, leaving other side open (see panel to create button fastening). Make pom-pom in Cherry Whirl and Sherbet Fizz. Sew to top of Tea Cosy

Weave in all ends

## BUTTON IT

Instead of sewing tog both sides of the Tea Cosy, try adding a buttonhole to one edge – here's how: Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl join yarn to bottom edge of one side, make 5ch, miss two sts, sl st in next st, turn, 7dc into 5ch sp, sl st at base of ch, fasten off

**TOP TIP!** THIS TWO-COLOUR STRIPE PATTERN CAN EASILY BE WORKED IN MORE SHADES FOR A MULTI-COLOURED DESIGN. WORK MORE THAN 30 ROWS IF YOU WANT TO CREATE A LARGER COSY

candy cane tea

DESIGNER **LIZ WARD**

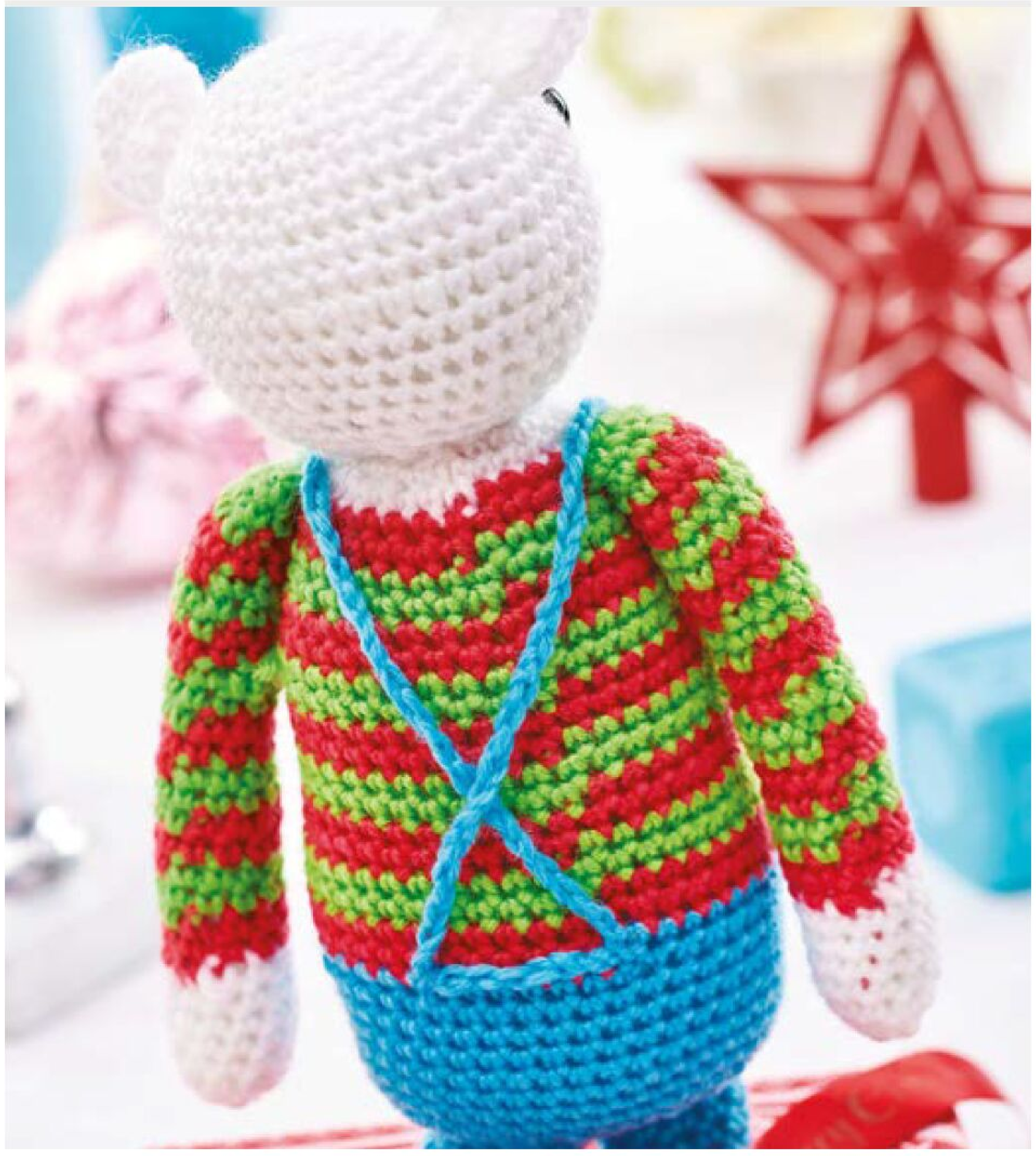
# Russell polar bear

This project is perfect if you're new to amigurumi as it only uses a few simple stitches and doubles up as a cute Christmas gift

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Snow White, Berry Red, Spruce Green, Frosty Blue ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Two 15mm safety eyes ★ Black embroidery thread ★ Green felt ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: 26cm



### BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Snow White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Work in foll two-stripe sequence: (Berry Red, Spruce Green) four times, Berry Red

☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 33 sts

☐ Rnds 7-8: rep Rnd 5 twice

☐ Rnd 9: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 10-13: rep Rnd 5 four times

☐ Rnd 14: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 39 sts

☐ Rnds 15-17: rep Rnd 5 three times

☐ Rnd 18: (12dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

**NOTE:** change to Frosty Blue yarn after Rnd 22

☐ Rnds 19-33: rep Rnd 5 15 times

☐ Rnd 34: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 35: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 36: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 37: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off

### HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and Snow White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Body. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 6-13: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 14-16: rep Rnds 35-37 of Body. 18 sts

Stuff, insert safety eyes into Rnd 10, approx eight sts apart

☐ Rnd 17: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### LEG (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Snow White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in back loops only work 1dc in each st to end

Change to Frosty Blue

☐ Rnds 3-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Snow White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence to end: Berry Red, Spruce Green

☐ Rnd 7: dc2tog, 1dc in each rem st to end. 11 sts

☐ Rnds 8-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 15-22: rep Rnds 7-14. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 23: rep Rnd 7. Nine sts

☐ Rnds 24-26: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Snow White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

### DUNGAREES

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Blue make 12ch

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 11 sts

☐ Rnds 2-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

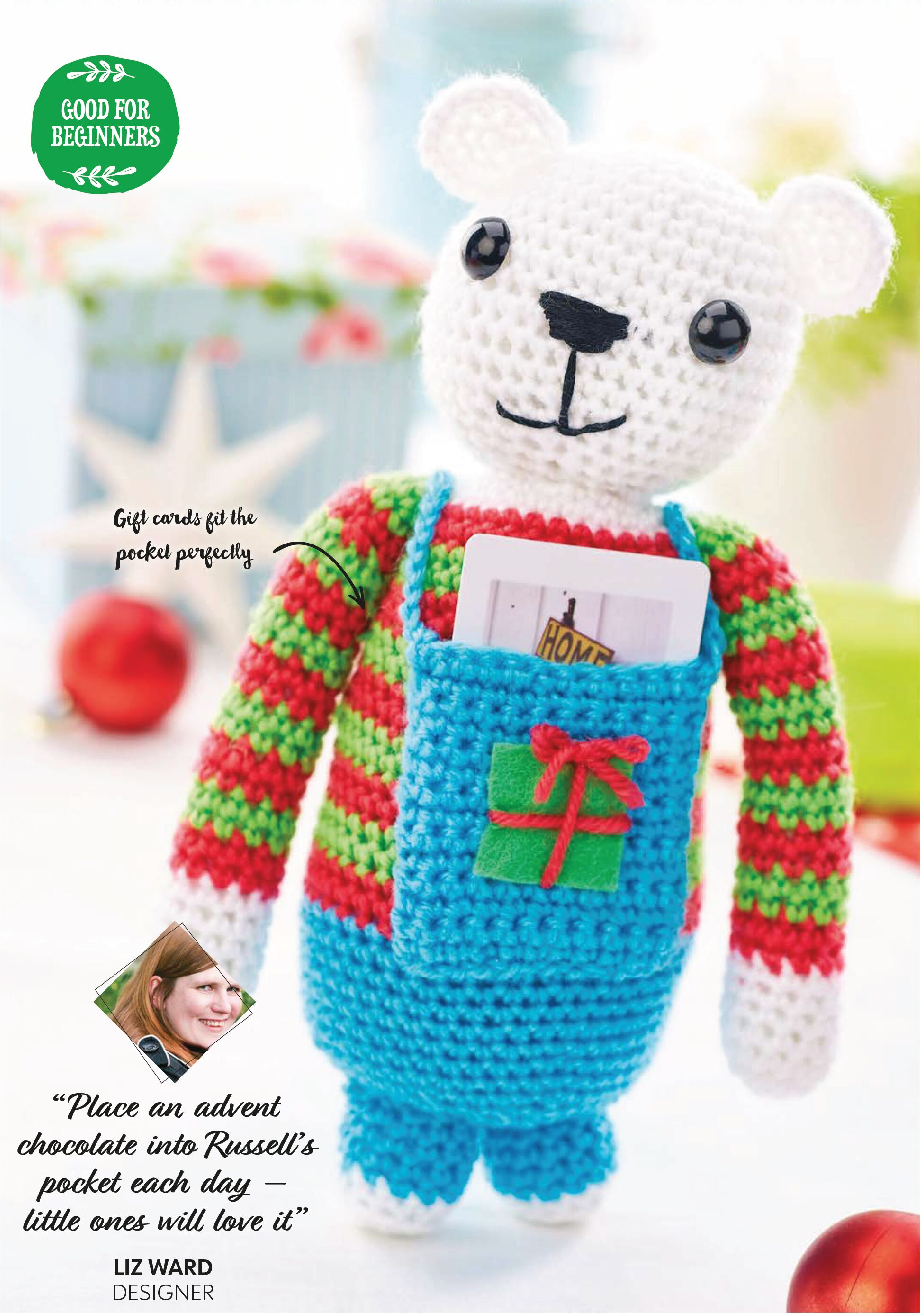
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff Body and sew closed. Stuff Head, Arms and Legs and sew to Body. Sew Ears to Head. Using black embroidery thread embroider a nose and mouth. Sew a square of green felt to Dungarees. Using Berry Red embroider a cross onto felt square then make a bow and sew on top

## STRAP STAR

To make the dungaree straps, use a 3.5mm hook and Frosty Blue to make 60ch then fasten off. Sew one end to the top right of the dungarees at the front, cross over at the back and sew to the top of the trousers, sew the chain in place seven stitches to the left then take it back over to the left front and sew to the top of the dungarees



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Gift cards fit the pocket perfectly

*"Place an advent chocolate into Russell's pocket each day – little ones will love it"*

**LIZ WARD**
DESIGNER

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

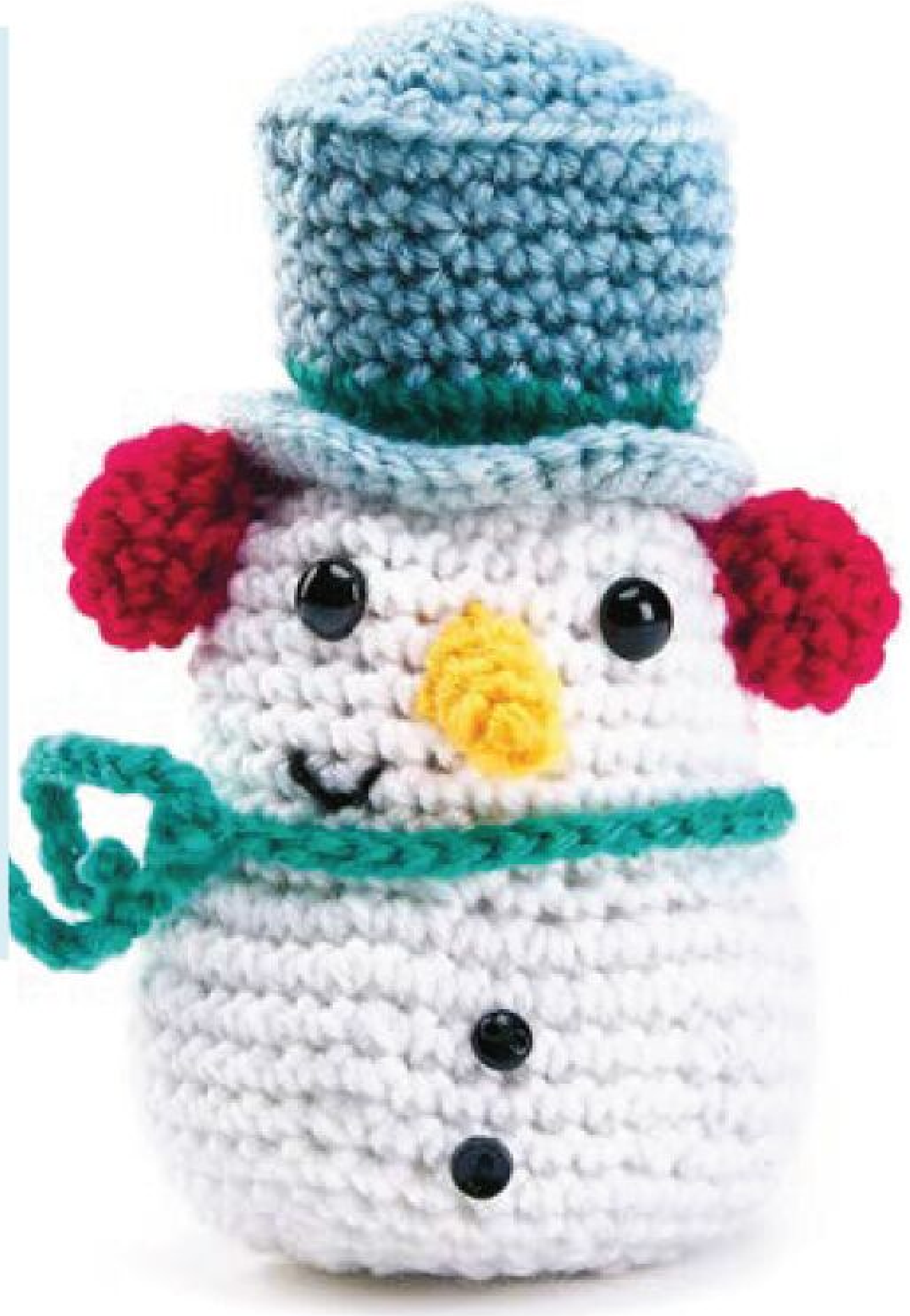
# Simon snowman

## If you're a newbie to the wonderful world of amigurumi, then this dapper guy is the place to start

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Snowy White ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Stitch markers ★ Two 9mm safety eyes ★ Black embroidery thread ★ Two mini black buttons ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Height: 11cm



### HEAD & BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 4-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 12: rep Rnd 3. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 6-7, approx five sts apart

☐ Rnd 14: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 18: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 19: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 20: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 21: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

### NOSE

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Yellow make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in next st, 2dc. Four sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EARMUFF (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Silver Buckle make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head and Body. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Holly Green

☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Change to Silver Buckle

☐ Rnd 12: 2dc in each st to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SCARF

Using 3.5mm hook and Holly Green make 50ch

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff Earmuffs and Hat. Sew Nose to Rnds 7-8 of Head. Using black thread embroider a mouth on Rnd 10. Attach Earmuffs to each side of Head. Sew Hat to top of Head. Tie Scarf around neck. Attach two small buttons to front of Body. Weave in all ends

### WHY NOT TRY...

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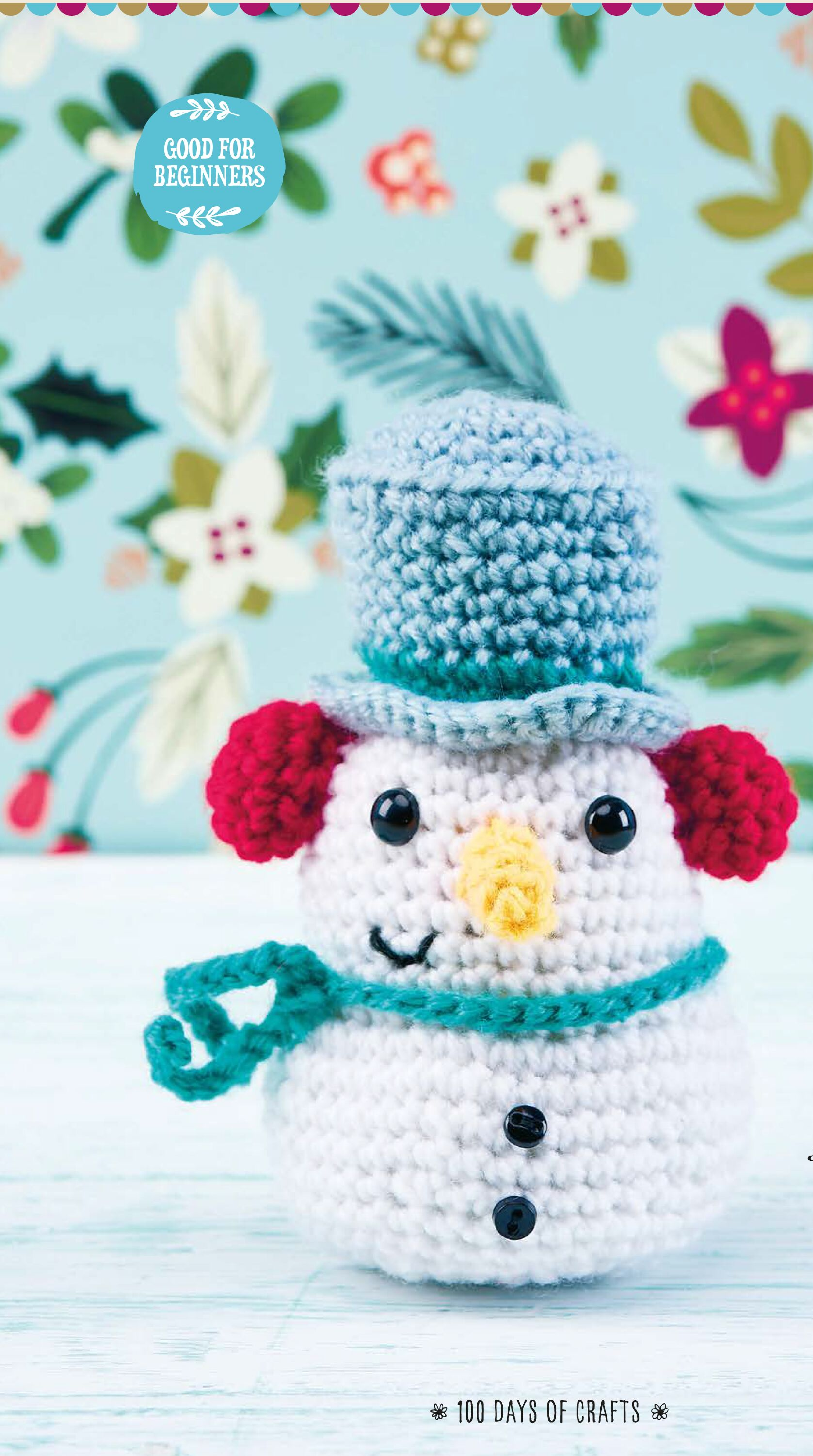


*"If gifting Simon to a small child, make sure to swap the safety eyes and buttons for embroidered knots"*

**HEATHER GIBBS**
DESIGNER

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

# Christmas trees

Make mini decorations in a flash
with these colourful creations

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Mistletoe, Leafy Green, Sugar Plum, Sparkly Gold, Red Nose, Light Fawn ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: 12.5cm

## GREEN STRIPED TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Green make 13ch

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to last ch, 3dc in next ch, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 11dc, join with a sl st to first st. 26 sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** carry Leafy Green up along inside

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Sugar Plum, Leafy Green, Sparkly Gold, Leafy Green, Red Nose, Leafy Green, Sparkly Gold, Leafy Green

☐ Rnd 4: (dc2tog, 11dc) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 7: (dc2tog, 10dc) to end. 22 sts

☐ Rnds 8-9: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 9dc) to end. 20 sts

☐ Rnd 11 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 8dc) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 14 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 18: (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 19: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## RED TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Nose work as for Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes

Using Leafy Green, Sparkly Gold, Sugar Plum and Mistletoe embroider V sts on Rnds 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16

## RAINBOW TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Mistletoe make 13ch

☐ Rnds 1-6: rep Rnds 1-6 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 24 sts

Change to Sugar Plum

**NOTE:** for next rnd work every other 1dc into matching st on Rnd 5

☐ Rnds 7-10: rep Rnds 7-10 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 20 sts

Change to Sparkly Gold

☐ Rnd 11: working every other dc into matching st on Rnd 9, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 12-14: rep Rnds 12-14 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 16 sts

Change to Red Nose

☐ Rnd 15: working every other dc into matching st on Rnd 13, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 16-19: rep Rnds 16-19 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. Six sts

Fasten off

## GREEN & GOLD TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Mistletoe make 13ch

☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 26 sts

Work in foll stripe sequence: one Rnd Sparkly Gold, two Rnds Mistletoe

☐ Rnds 4-18: rep Rnds 4-18 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 12 sts

Cont in Mistletoe

☐ Rnd 19: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## BOBBLE TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Green make 13ch

☐ Rnds 1-4: Rnds 1-4 of Green Striped Tree. 24 sts

**NOTE:** Tree is worked In Leafy Green, colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use for bobble

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, MB [Sugar Plum], 3dc, MB [Sparkly Gold], 3dc, MB [Red Nose]) twice

☐ Rnds 6-8: rep Rnds 6-8 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 22 sts

☐ Rnd 9: 4dc, MB (Red Nose), 3dc, MB (Sugar Plum), 6dc, MB (Red Nose), 3dc, MB (Sugar Plum), 2dc

☐ Rnds 10-12: rep Rnds 10-12 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 13: 5dc, MB (Sparkly Gold), 8dc, MB (Sparkly Gold), 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 14-16: rep Rnds 14-16 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 14 sts

☐ Rnd 17: 4dc, MB (Red Nose), 6dc, MB (Red Nose), 2dc

☐ Rnds 18-19: rep Rnds 18-19 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. Six sts

Fasten off

## PURPLE & GOLD TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Sugar Plum make 13ch

☐ Rnds 1-12: rep Rnds 1-12 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. 18 sts

Change to Sparkly Gold

☐ Rnd 13: working every other dc into matching st on ☐ Rnd 11, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 14-19: rep Rnds 14-19 of Green Striped Tree, ignoring colour changes. Six sts

Fasten off

## TRUNK (MAKE 6)

Using 3.5mm hook and Light Fawn make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnds 2-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Tree and sew closed. Stuff Trunk, then using fastened-off yarn end, sew to Tree. Weave in all ends

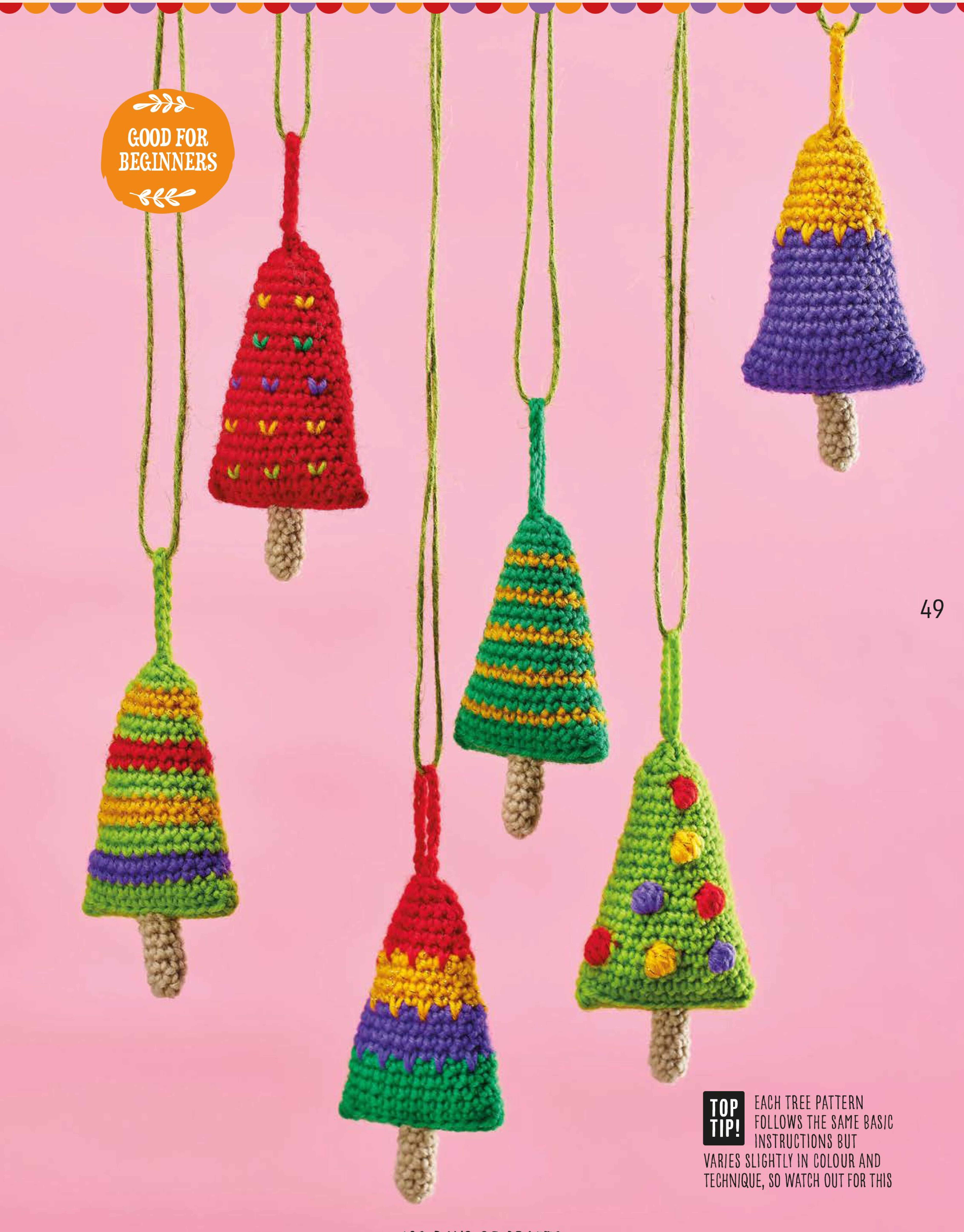
## HANGING LOOP (MAKE 6 - 2 IN LEAFY GREEN, 2 IN RED NOSE, 1 IN MISTLETOE & 1 IN SPARKLY GOLD)

Using 3.5mm hook and chosen yarn, join with a sl st to tip of matching Tree, make 16ch, join with a sl st to first st

Fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**MB (make bobble):** yoh, insert hook through st, yoh, pull through, yoh, pull through first two loops leaving two loops on hook, * yoh, insert hook through same st, yoh, pull through, yoh and pull through first two loops * leaving three loops on hook, rep from * to * twice (five loops on hook) yoh, pull through all five loops



**GOOD FOR BEGINNERS**

**TOP TIP!** EACH TREE PATTERN FOLLOWS THE SAME BASIC INSTRUCTIONS BUT VARIES SLIGHTLY IN COLOUR AND TECHNIQUE, SO WATCH OUT FOR THIS

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

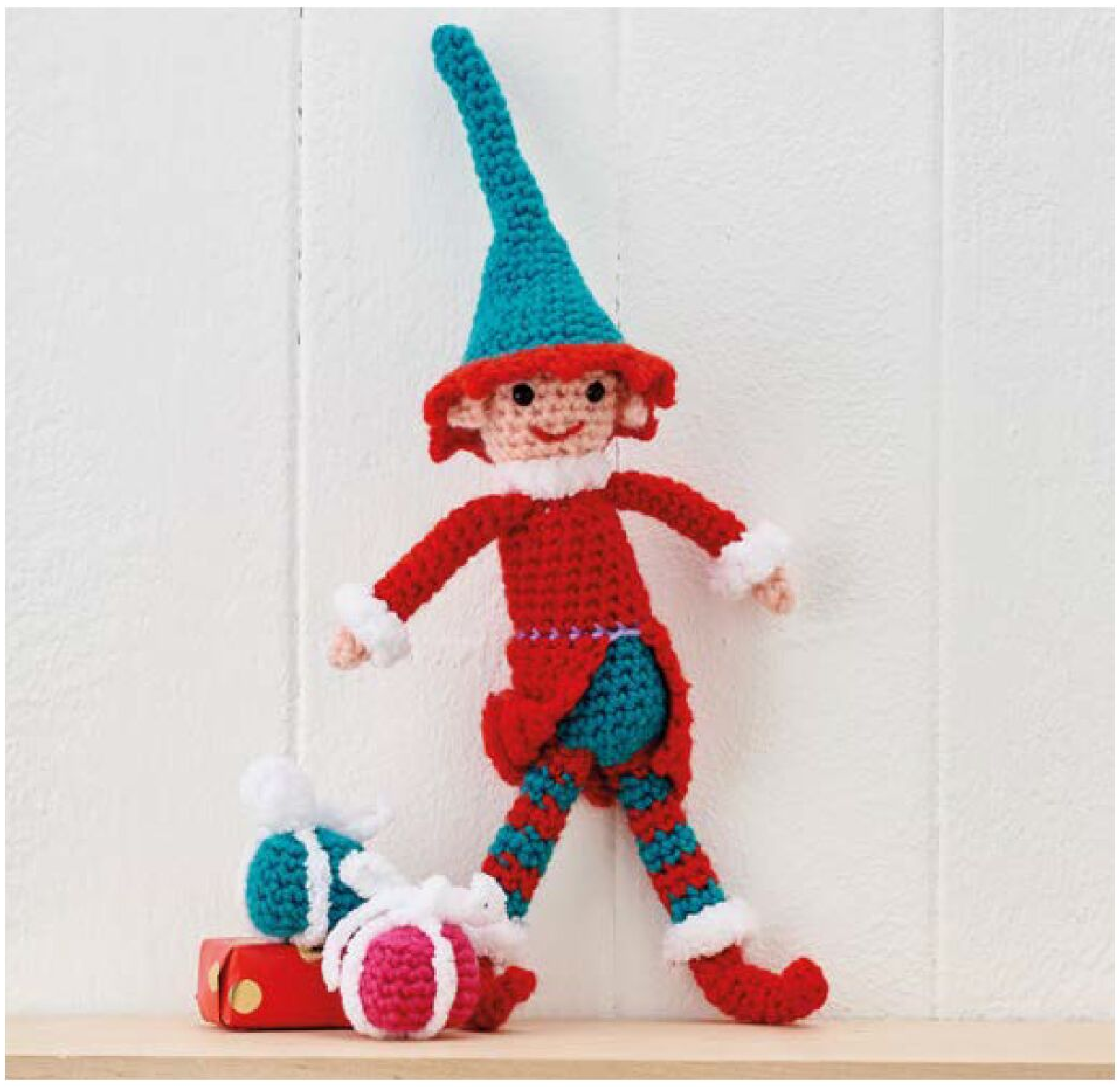
# Cheeky elves

These fun-loving chaps love presents and will perk up any bedroom shelf or festive mantelpiece!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Dusky Blue, Tinsel Teal, Merry Magenta, Berry Red, Fluffy, Cheeky Pink ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ Four 6mm safety eyes ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height (inc. hat): 29cm



### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6, approx four sts apart

☐ Rnd 10: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**Standing dc:** Make a slipknot and place on hook, insert hook through st, yoh and draw through a loop. Two loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops, cont to next st

### BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Dusky Blue (Tinsel Teal)

☐ Rnd 8: 9dc, place st marker in last st, 1dc in each st to end

Change to Berry Red (Dusky Blue)

☐ Rnd 9: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 10-15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 17: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Change to Fluffy

☐ Rnd 18: working in front loops only, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### COAT TAILS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook join Berry Red (Dusky Blue) with standing dc to front loop of marked st from Rnd 8 of Body

☐ Row 1: working in front loops only, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 18 sts

☐ Rows 2-10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 11: one sl st, (1dc, 1htr, [1tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr] in next st, 1htr) to last st, sl st in last st

Fasten off

### ARM (MAKE 4 – 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink (Cheeky Pink) make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice. Six sts

☐ Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Berry Red (Dusky Blue)

☐ Rnd 4: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 5-14: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Using Fluffy, work 1dc in front loops only of Rnd 4

Fasten off

### LEG (MAKE 4 – 2 IN EACH COLOURWAY)

**NOTE**: keep starting tail easily accessible to pull through to curl foot later

Using 3.5mm hook and Berry Red (Dusky Blue) make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring. Three sts

☐ Rnd 1 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc, 2dc in next st. Four sts

☐ Rnd 4: 3dc, 2dc in next st. Five sts

☐ Rnd 6: 4dc, 2dc in next st. Six sts

☐ Rnd 8: 5dc, 2dc in next st. Seven sts

☐ Rnd 10: 6dc, 2dc in next st. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 11: dc2tog, (2dc in next st) twice, dc2tog (twice). Seven sts

☐ Rnd 12: dc2tog, (2dc in next st) three times, dc2tog. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 13: dc2tog, (2dc in next st) twice, (dc2tog) twice. Seven sts

Change to Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta)

☐ Rnd 14: 1ch, working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc

☐ Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence: Berry Red (Dusky Blue), Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta)

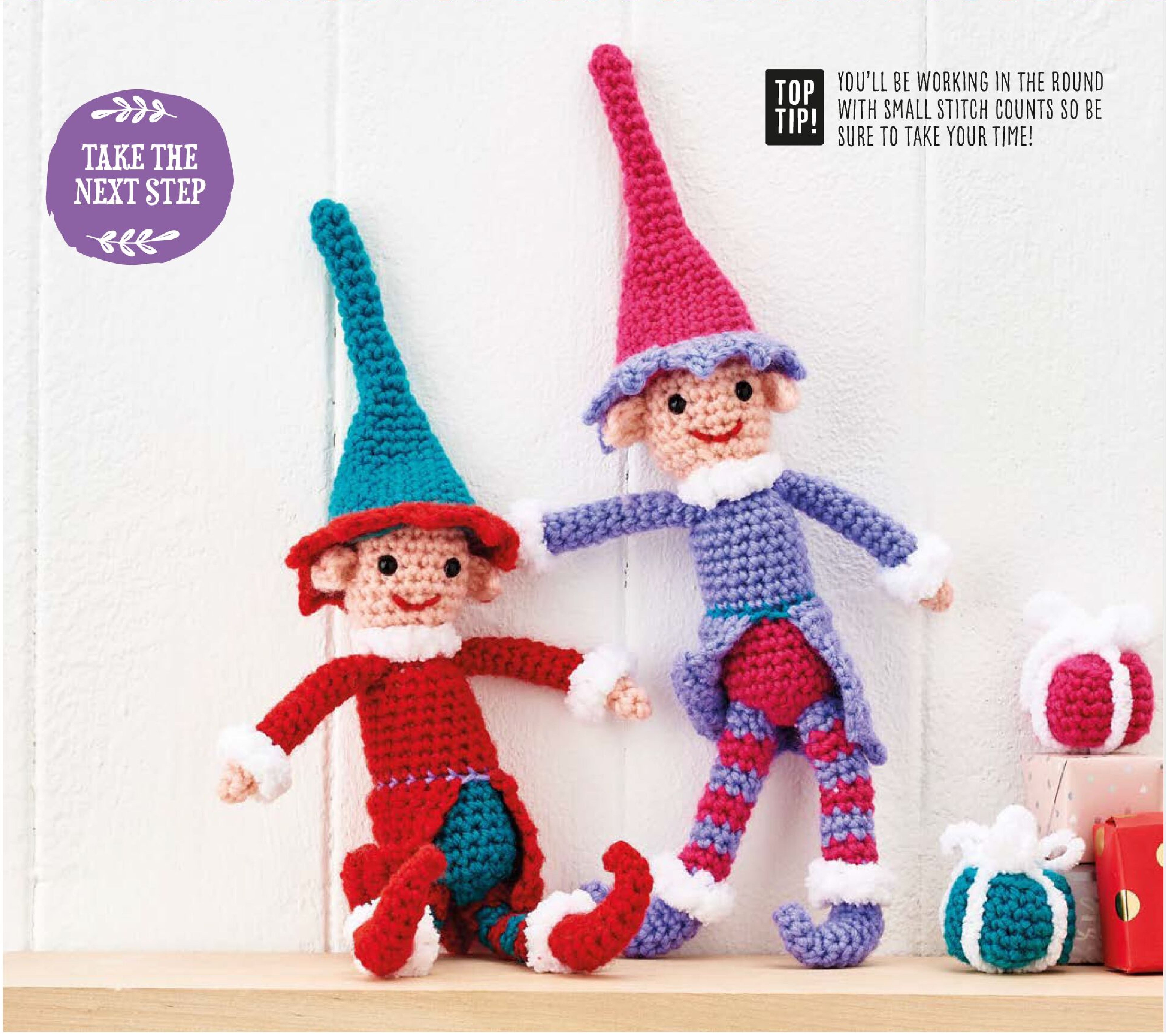
☐ Rnds 16-25: rep Rnd 15 ten times

Fasten off

Using Fluffy, work 1dc in front

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

**TOP TIP!** YOU'LL BE WORKING IN THE ROUND WITH SMALL STITCH COUNTS SO BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR TIME!



loops only of Rnd 14
Fasten off

### RIGHT EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work (1dc, 1tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc) into ring
Fasten off

### LEFT EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Cheeky Pink make a magic ring, work (1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 3ch, one sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr, 1dc) into ring
Fasten off

### HAT (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnds 1-8: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 9: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st. Seven sts
☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 11-12: rep Rnds 9-10. Eight sts
☐ Rnd 13: rep Rnd 9. Nine sts
☐ Rnd 14: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 15 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts
☐ Rnd 18: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 20: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts
☐ Rnd 22: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 24: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 27 sts
Change to Berry Red (Dusky Blue)
☐ Rnd 25: 1ch, working in front loops only, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first dc
☐ Rnd 26: 1ch, (1htr, [1tr, 3ch, sl st in third ch from hook, 1tr] in same st, 1dc) to end, join with a sl st to first htr
Fasten off

### PRESENT (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Tinsel Teal (Merry Magenta) make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts
☐ Rnd 1: 3dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: 1dc, (3dc in next st, 2dc) three times, 3dc in next st, 1dc. 20 sts
☐ Rnd 3: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 8: working in back loops only, 1dc, (dc3tog, 2dc) three times, dc3tog, 1dc. 12 sts
Stuff
☐ Rnd 9: (dc3tog) to end. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears to Head. Embroider smile using Berry Red. Stuff Body, Arms and Legs. Pull starting yarn tail of Leg until tip of foot curls, then secure. Attach limbs and Head to Body. Using length of Fluffy as ribbon, tie around Presents and finish with bow. Weave in all ends

SEE P130 FOR A LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

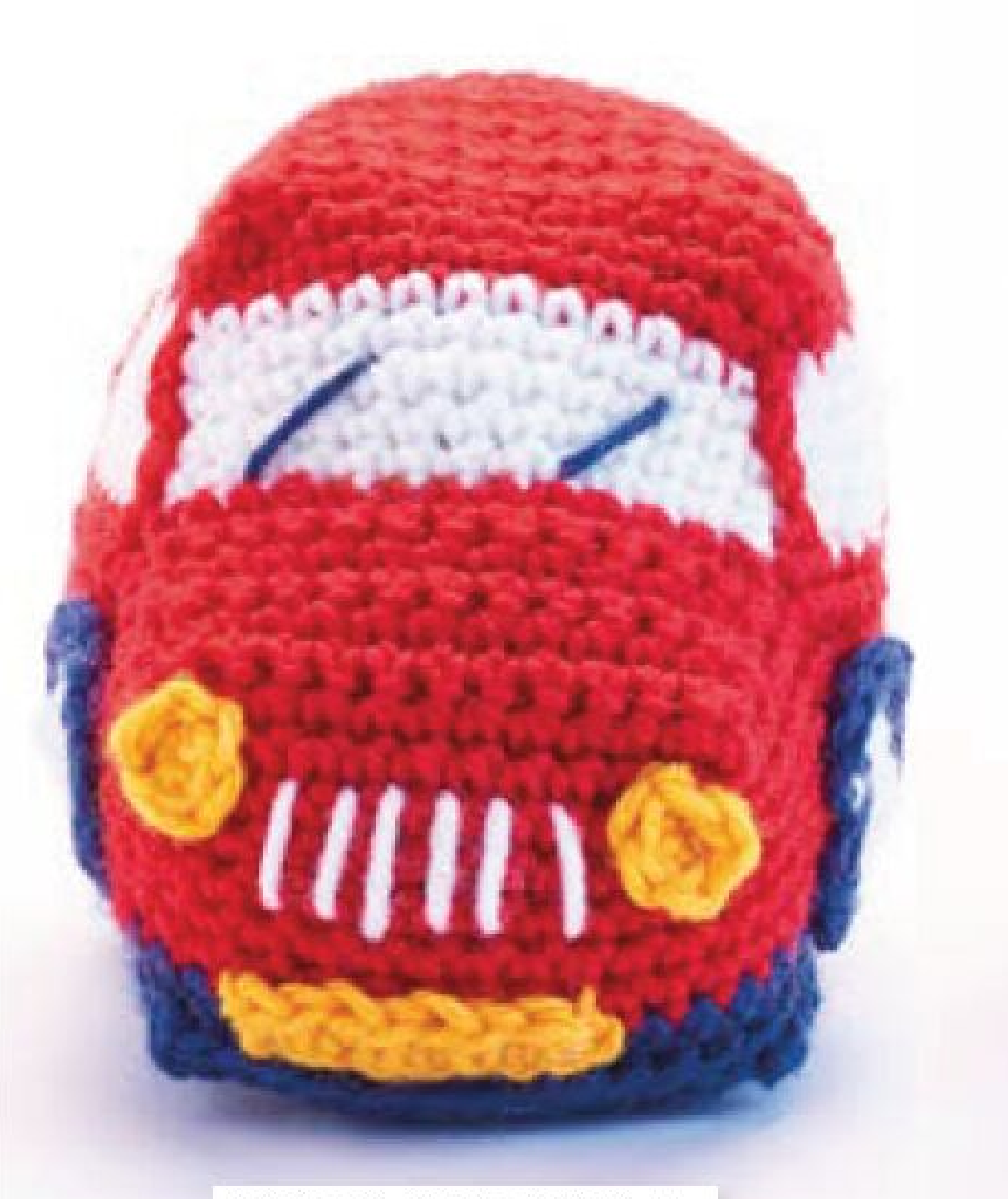
# Christmas coupé

Bringing a festive fir home is one of those can't-beat-it feelings, so why not recreate the moment in crochet?

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Jolly Purple, Golden Yellow, Santa Red, Snowy White, Night Sky, Figgy Pudding, Fir Green ★ 4mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ Baker's twine ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Car length: 16cm. Tree length: 12.5cm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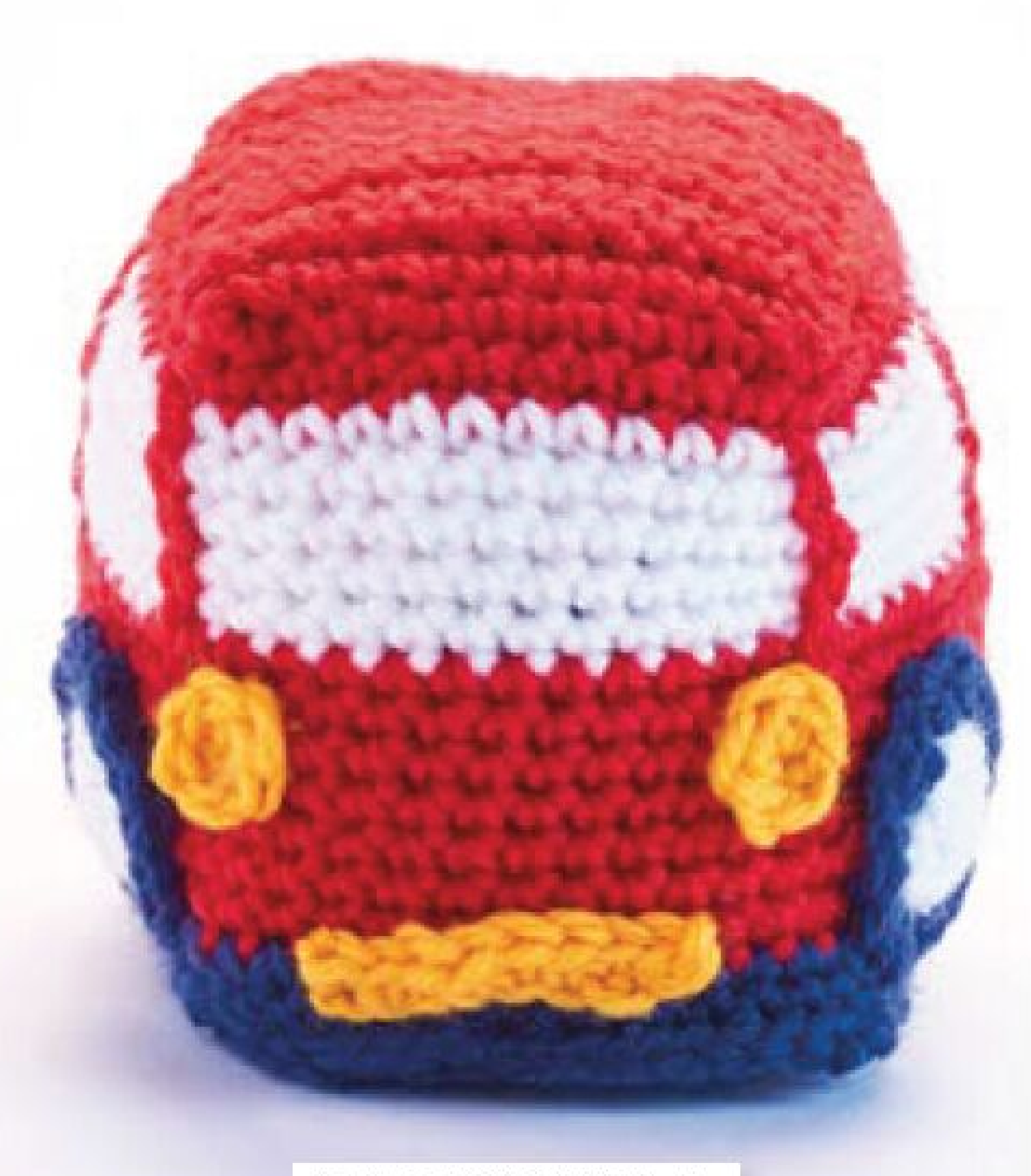

BACK DETAIL

## CAR

Using 4mm hook and Santa Red make 13ch

☐ Row 1 (roof): starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rows 2-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn work 90° anticlockwise

**NOTE:** now working in rnds

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in end of Row 16, 1dc in end of each row, turn, 1dc in each st along foundation ch, turn, 1dc in end of each row, turn, 1dc in end of each st. 56 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Snowy White

☐ Rnds 3-7 (windows): 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** now working in rows

Attach Santa Red to right-hand corner

☐ Row 1 (bonnet): 1dc in each st to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rows 2-6: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn work 90° anticlockwise

**NOTE:** now working in rnds

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in end of each row and in each st to end. 68 sts

**NOTE:** change to Night Sky after Rnd 7

☐ Rnds 2-9: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**Surface crochet:** attach slipknot to back of work then, from front of work, insert hook in st nearby and work ch sts on surface

## LIGHT (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## NUMBER PLATE (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make 9ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## WHEEL (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm hook and Snowy White make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Change to Night Sky

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## BASE

Using 4mm hook and Night Sky make 13ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rows 2-23: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TREE

Using 4mm hook and Fir Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 3: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 12-19: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 20: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 21: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## TRUNK

Using 4mm hook and Figgy Pudding make a magic ring, work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 1: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Using Santa Red, surface crochet (see Panel) or embroider lines from each corner down, then add additional lines for windows on each side of Car. Using Night Sky, embroider two lines to create windscreen wipers on front window. Using Snowy White, embroider grille on front. Loosely sl st Base to top of Car, stuffing as you go. Attach Headlights, Number Plates and Wheels to Car. Sew Tree closed and attach Trunk to bottom. Weave in all ends. Tie tree to top of car with baker's twine

**TOP TIP!** WE'VE USED CLASSIC BAKER'S TWINE TO JOIN THE CAR AND TREE, BUT IF YOU WANT YOUR DECORATION TO HAVE MORE STABILITY, YOU COULD ALWAYS SEW THEM TOGETHER

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Sweet angel

This is an adorable creation to add to your collection, with sparkly details embroidered on once you've sewn your doll together

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Soft Pink, Merry Red, Frosty Blue, Rich Sapphire, Fair Fawn ★ 4mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ Two 8mm black safety eyes ★ Black embroidery thread ★ Small amount of Rico Creative Lamé DK in Silver ★ Pastel or blusher for cheeks ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height 20cm

## HEAD

Using 4mm hook and Soft Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 11: 14dc, MB (see Panel) in next st for nose, 15dc. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 12-14: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 9-10, approx five sts apart
☐ Rnd 16: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 17: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 18: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**MB (make bobble):** (yoh, insert hook in indicated st, pull up a loop) four times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all loops on hook, cont with next st as normal

## HAIR

Using 4mm hook and Merry Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts
**NOTE:** now work in rows in BLO
☐ Row 1: sl st in next st, 17ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, sl st to next st of Hair crown, turn
☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, sl st to next st of Hair crown, turn
☐ Rows 4-34: rep Rows 2-3 17 times
☐ Rows 35-36: 1ch, 4dc, turn, when you get to Hair crown, miss one st, sl st to next st
☐ Rows 37-46: rep Rows 35–36 five times
Sew 4dc sts to Hair
Fasten off

## BODY

**NOTE:** working from top down
Using 4mm hook and Frosty Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 4 and every even-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 5: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 26 sts
☐ Rnd 7: (12dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 28 sts
☐ Rnd 9: (13dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 11: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts
☐ Rnd 13: (15dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 34 sts
☐ Rnd 15: (16dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnds 16-20: 1dc in each st to end
**NOTE:** stuff as you go
Change to Rich Sapphire
☐ Rnd 21: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 22-23: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 24: working in FLO, (sl st, 1dc, 2hdc in next st, 1dc) to end
**NOTE:** now working on base
☐ Rnd 25: working in BLO, (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 26: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 27: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 28: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 29: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off and sew rem six sts tog
Join Rich Sapphire to FLO of Rnd 21
☐ Rnd 30: rep Rnd 25
Fasten off

## HAND (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Soft Pink make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts
☐ Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

## SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Rich Sapphire make 18ch, join with a sl st to make a ring, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 1: (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 16 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 14 sts
Change to Frosty Blue
☐ Rnd 3: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 4: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts
☐ Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Fasten off

## WING (MAKE 2)

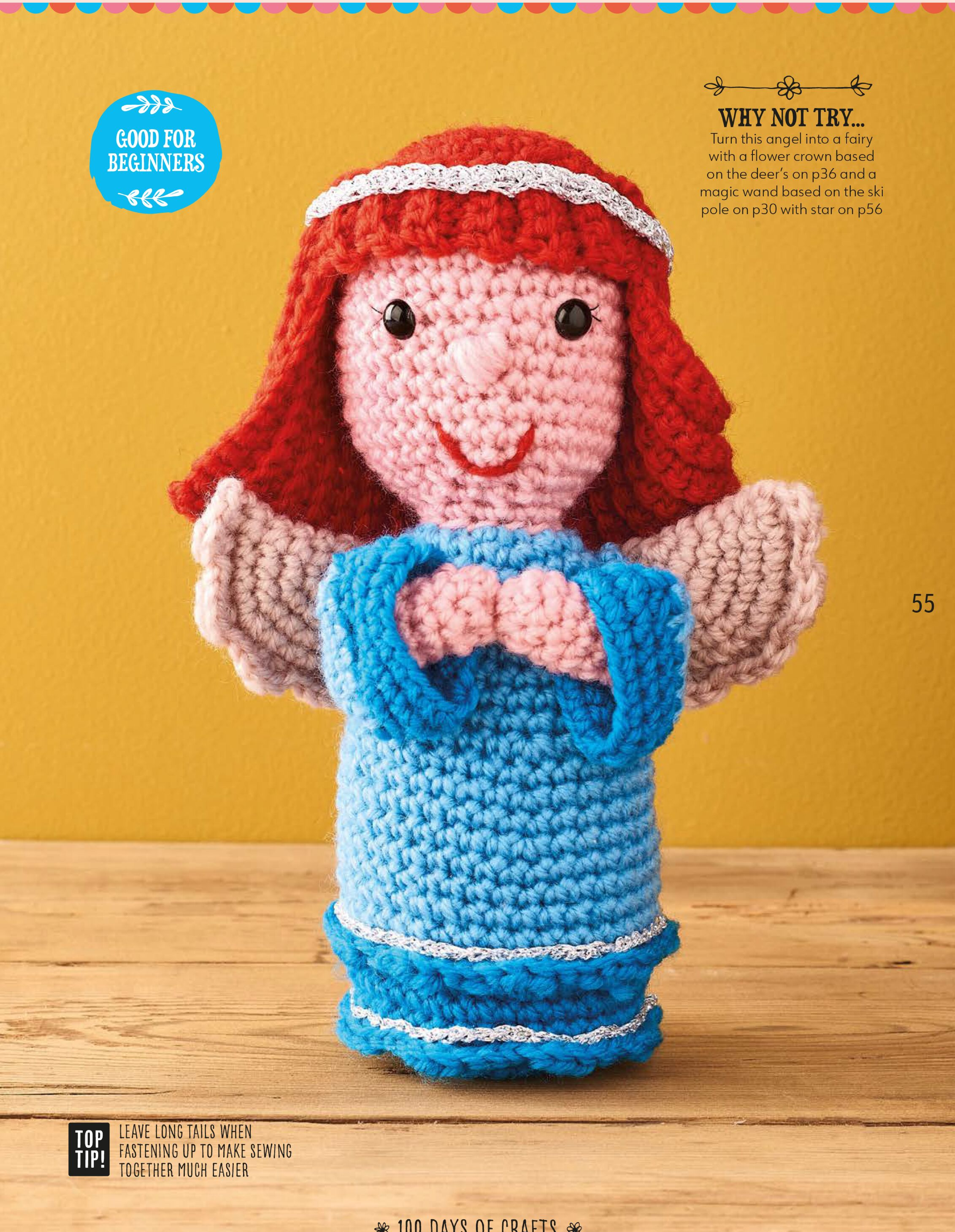
Using 4mm hook and Fair Fawn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnd 6: fold Wing in half, work through both sets of sts as folls: (1dc, 3htr in next st, sl st) to end
Fasten off

## HALO

Using 4mm hook and Silver make a ch long enough to fit over Hair, join with a sl st to make a ring
☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Using black thread, embroider eyelashes next to eyes. Split length of Merry Red and use two strands to embroider mouth over Rnds 14-15. Stuff Head. Attach Hair to Head and Head to Body. Stuff Hands, attach to top of Sleeves, sew up rem sts of Sleeves and attach to either side of Body. Sew Hands tog. Stitch Wings to back of Body. Attach Halo to top of Head. Use silver DK to embroider embellishment at bottom of robe. Add blusher to cheeks. Weave in all ends



GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

### WHY NOT TRY...

Turn this angel into a fairy with a flower crown based on the deer's on p36 and a magic wand based on the ski pole on p30 with star on p56

**TOP TIP!** LEAVE LONG TAILS WHEN FASTENING UP TO MAKE SEWING TOGETHER MUCH EASIER

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Hot choc mug

Try your hand at intarsia with this delicious decoration

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Fluffy, Bright Red, Fir Green, Warm Yellow, Light Blush ★ Stuffing ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Card ★ Pipe cleaner ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height (excl. marshmallows): 14cm

### MUG

Using 3.75mm hook and Light Blush make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 8: 3dc, 2dc in next st, (7dc, 2dc in next st) five times, 4dc. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 9: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 10-14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Fluffy

**NOTE**: colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

☐ Rnd 15: 20dc (Fluffy), 3dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Fluffy)

☐ Rnd 16: 19dc (Bright Red), 5dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnds 17-18: 19dc (Bright Red), 6dc (Warm Yellow), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 19: 7dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 11dc (Bright Red), 7dc (Warm Yellow), 3dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 20: 21dc (Bright Red), 4dc (Choc Brown), 19dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 21: 14dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 6dc (Bright Red), 4dc (Choc Brown), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 22: 16dc (Bright Red), 14dc (Fir Green), 7dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 23: 17dc (Bright Red), 6dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 24: 4dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 13dc (Bright Red), 5dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 25: 19dc (Bright Red), 4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 20dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 26: 20dc (Bright Red), 4dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 27: 12dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 8dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 28: 22dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 29: 23dc (Bright Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 5dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 30: 24dc (Bright Red), 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, dc2tog (Fir Green), 15dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 31: 25dc (Bright Red), 2dc, 2dc in next st, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 32: 2dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 23dc (Bright Red), 1dc, 2dc in next st, dc2tog (Fir Green), 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

☐ Rnd 33: 10dc, 2dc in next st, 11dc (Bright Red), 1dc (Fluffy), 4dc (Bright Red), dc3tog (Fir Green), 12dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end (Bright Red)

Cont in Bright Red

☐ Rnds 34-38: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### HOT CHOCOLATE

Using 3.75mm hook and Choc Brown make a magic ring, 2ch (counts as htr throughout), 11htr, join with a sl st in second ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 2htr in each st to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 1htr, (2htr in next st, 1htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 2htr, (2htr in next st, 2htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2ch, 1htr) in next st, 7htr, (2htr in next st, 7htr) to end, join with a sl st in second of beg 2ch. 54 sts

Fasten off

### MARSHMALLOW (MAKE 3)

Using 3.75mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### HANDLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make 14ch, join

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with a sl st to first ch to make a ring. 14 sts
☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end
Work in foll five-rnd stripe sequence: Fir Green, Warm Yellow
☐ Rnds 6-35 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

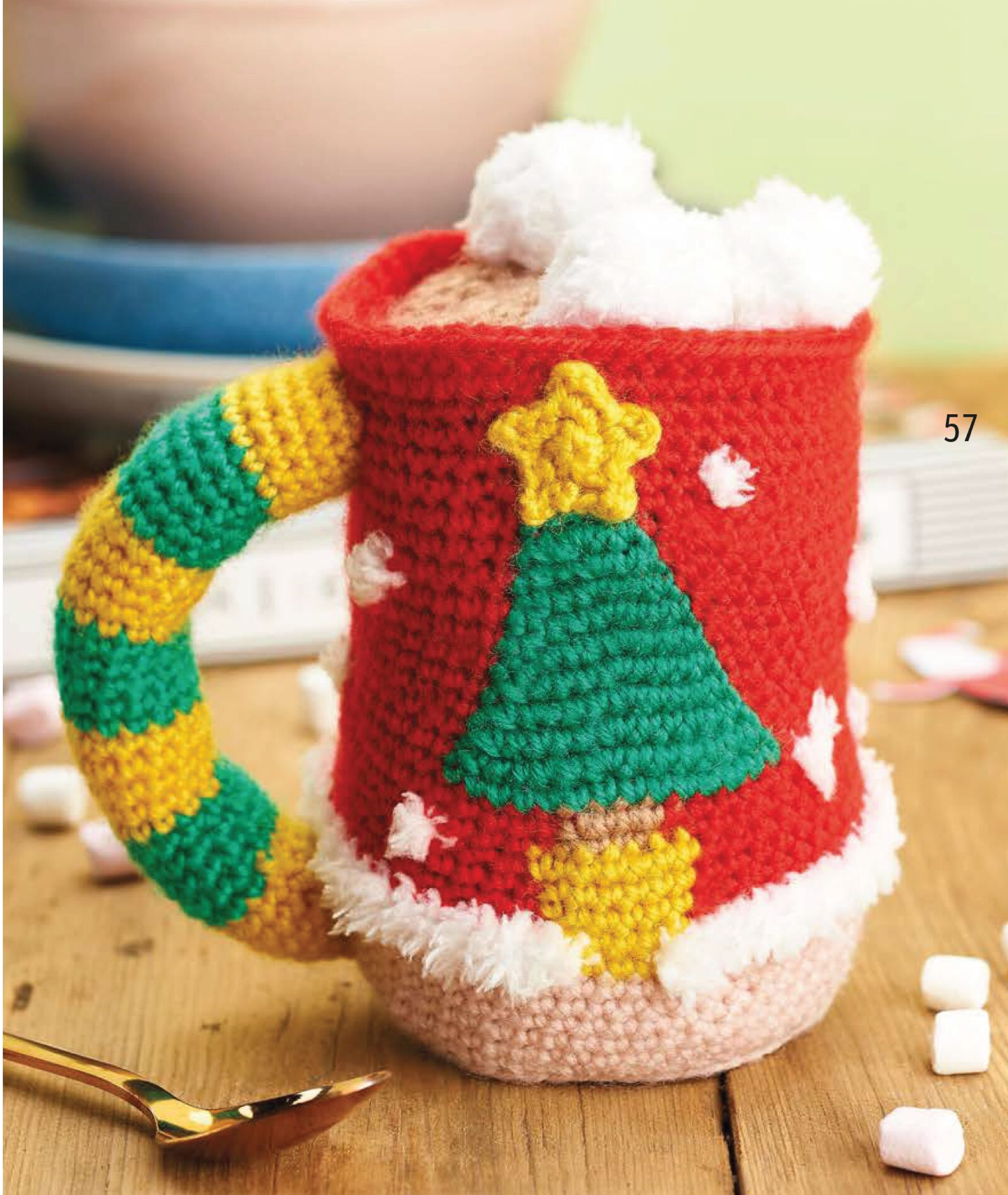
## STAR

Using 3.75mm hook and Warm Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 3ch, sl st in first ch, sl st in same st as 1dc) five times
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Marshmallows to Hot Chocolate. Insert pipe cleaner through Handle and stuff. Position Handle on Mug and push ends of pipe cleaner through Mug. Secure pipe cleaner inside and sew Handle in place. Sew Star to top of tree. Place card circle in bottom of Mug and stuff. Place another card circle on top of stuffing. Sew Hot Chocolate inside Mug, two rows from the top. Weave in all ends

> *“Take your time when working the edging with your fluffy yarn and the easier it will become”*
>
> **HANNAH COOPER** DESIGNER



**TOP TIP!** THE CHRISTMAS TREE MOTIF IS MADE WITH INTARSIA, SO LOTS OF COLOUR CHANGES AWAIT. TICK OFF AS YOU GO TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS. FOR A SIMPLER PATTERN, IGNORE THE COLOUR CHANGES AND MAKE A PLAIN MUG

DESIGNER **GURINDER KAUR HATCHARD**

# Hat & booties set

Santa's little helper is on hand for a festive dose of cute, crochet and cuddles!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn (hat): DK red, 25g (50g, 50g), DK white, 25g (25g, 25g) Yarn (booties): DK red, 25g (25g, 25g), DK white, 25g (25g, 25g)
★ Hook: 4mm, 3.5mm
★ Tapestry needle ★ Fluffy white pom-pom ★ Scissors

## TENSION SQUARE

**Hat:**
★ 10 sts x 8 rows
★ 10cm x 10cm
★ Treble crochet
★ 4mm hook

**Booties:**
★ 9 sts x 4 rows
★ 6cm x 6cm
★ Treble crochet
★ 3.5mm hook

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## BEANIE

Using 4mm hook and red DK make a magic ring
☐ Rnd 1: 3ch, 5tr into ring. Six sts
☐ Rnds 2-3: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 4: 3ch, 1tr, 2tr in next st, 2tr, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st. Eight sts
☐ Rnd 5: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 6: 3ch, 2tr, 2tr in next st, 3tr, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st. Ten sts
☐ Rnd 7: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 8: 3ch, 3tr, 2tr in next st, 4tr, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 9: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 10: 3ch, 4tr, 2tr in same st, 5tr, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st. 14 sts
☐ Rnd 11: 3ch, 1tr into each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 12: 3ch, 5tr, 2tr in next st, 6tr, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st. 16 sts
☐ Rnd 13: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 14: 3ch, 2tr, 2tr in next st, [3tr, 2tr in next st] three times, join with a sl st. 20 sts
☐ Rnd 15: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 16: 3ch, 2tr, 2tr in next st, [3tr, 2tr in next st] four times, join with a sl st. 25 sts
☐ Rnd 17: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 18: 3ch, 3tr, 2tr in next st, [4tr, 2tr in next st] four times, join with a sl st. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 19: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 20: 3ch, 3tr, 2tr in next st, [4tr, 2tr in next st] five times, join with a sl st. 36 sts
☐ Rnd 21: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 22: 3ch, 4tr, 2tr in next st, [5tr, 2tr in next st] five times, join with a sl st. 42 sts
☐ Rnd 23: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st

### Size A only

Rnds 24-25: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off
Change to white
**NOTE:** change hook if necessary
☐ Rnds 26-27: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off

### Size B only

☐ Rnd 24: 3ch, 5tr, 2tr in next st, [6tr, 2tr in next st] 5 times, join with a sl st. 48 sts
☐ Rnd 25: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off
Change to white
**NOTE:** change hook if necessary
☐ Rnds 26-27: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off

### Size C only

☐ Rnd 24: 3ch, 5tr, 2tr in next st, [6tr, 2tr in next st] five times, join with a sl st. 48 sts
☐ Rnd 25: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 26: 3ch, 6tr, 2tr in next st, [7tr, 2tr in next st] five times, join with a sl st. 54 sts
☐ Rnd 27: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 28: 3ch, 7tr, 2tr in next st, [8tr, 2tr in next st] 5 times, join with a sl st. 60 sts
☐ Rnd 29: 3ch, 4tr, 2tr in next st, [5tr, 2tr in next st] 9 times, join with a sl st. 70 sts
Fasten off
Change to white
**NOTE:** change hook if necessary
☐ Rnds 30-31: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off

## BOOTIES

Using 3.5mm hook and red DK
☐ Rnd 1: 13 (15, 17) ch, 1tr in 4th ch from hook, 1tr in each of next eight (10, 12) ch, 6tr in last ch, working back along the other side of ch, work eight (10, 12) tr, 4tr in same st as first tr of rnd, join with a sl st. 28 (32, 36) sts
☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as first tr), 10 (12, 14) tr, 2tr in each of next 4 sts, 10 (12, 14) tr, 2tr in each of next three sts, 1tr in same st as starting 3ch, join with a sl st. 36 (40, 44) sts
☐ Rnd 3: 2ch (counts as first htr), 1htr blo in each st to end, join with a sl st
☐ Rnd 4: 2ch, 7 (9, 11) htr, [htr2tog, 1htr] six times, 10 (12, 14) htr, join with a sl st. 30 (34, 38) sts
☐ Rnd 5: 2ch, 7 (9, 11) htr, [htr2tog, 1htr] four times, 10 (12, 14) htr, join with a sl st. 26 (30, 34) sts
☐ Rnd 6: 2ch, 5 (7, 9) htr, [htr2tog] six times, 8 (10, 12) htr, join with a sl st. 20 (24, 28) sts
☐ Rnd 7: 2ch, 7 (9, 11) htr, [htr2tog] twice, 8 (10, 12) htr, join with a sl st. 18 (22, 26) sts

### Size A & B only

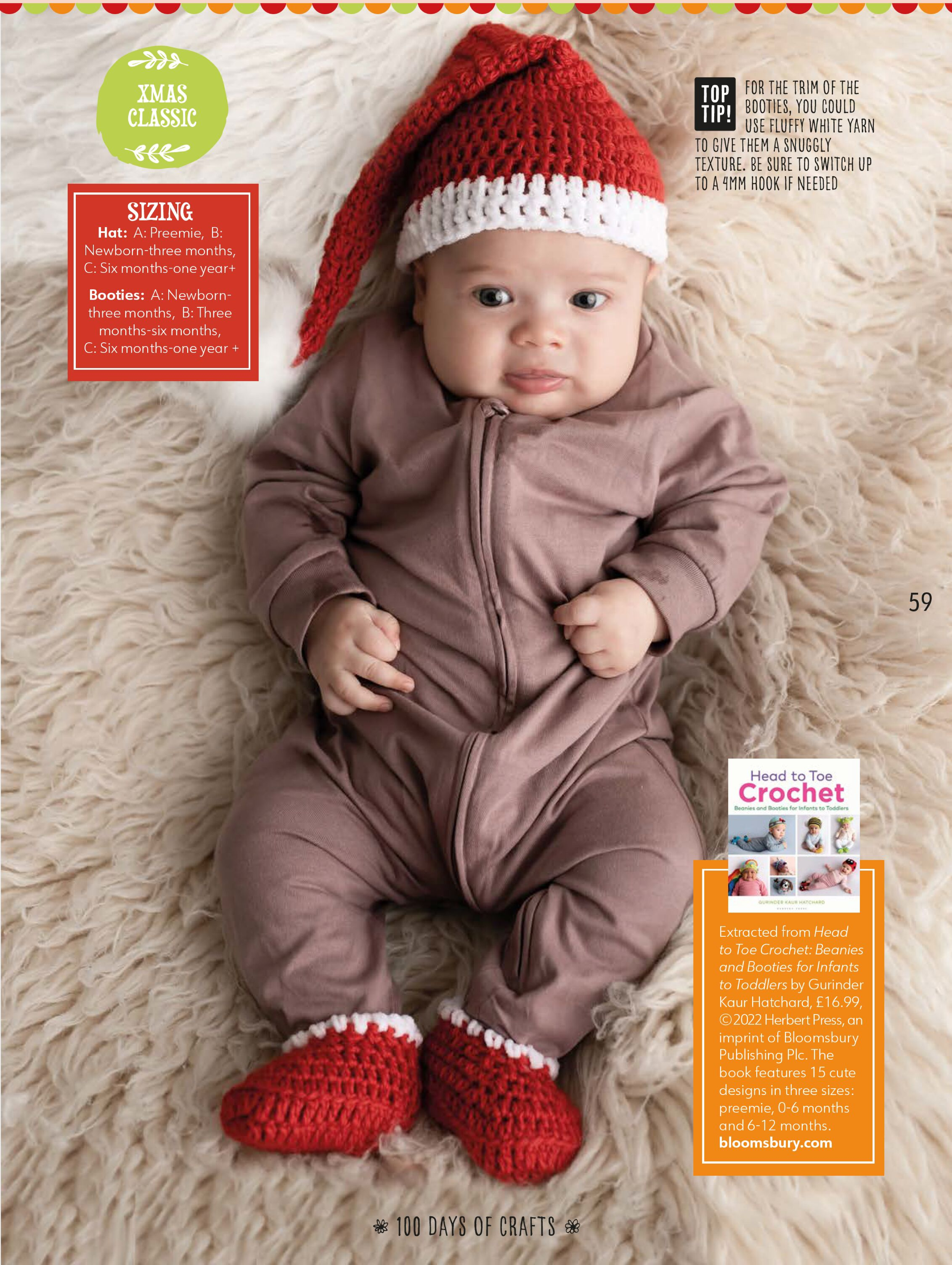
Using 3.5mm hook and red DK
☐ Rnds 8-9: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off

### Size C only

Using 3.5mm hook and white DK
☐ Rnd 8: 2ch, 9htr, [htr2tog] 4 times, 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st. 22 sts
☐ Rnds 9-10: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, join with a sl st
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends, affix pom-pom to the end of the Beanie



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## SIZING

**Hat:** A: Preemie, B: Newborn-three months, C: Six months-one year+

**Booties:** A: Newborn-three months, B: Three months-six months, C: Six months-one year +

**TOP TIP!** FOR THE TRIM OF THE BOOTIES, YOU COULD USE FLUFFY WHITE YARN TO GIVE THEM A SNUGGLY TEXTURE. BE SURE TO SWITCH UP TO A 4MM HOOK IF NEEDED

Head to Toe Crochet

Beanies and Booties for Infants to Toddlers

GURINDER KAUR HATCHARD

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DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

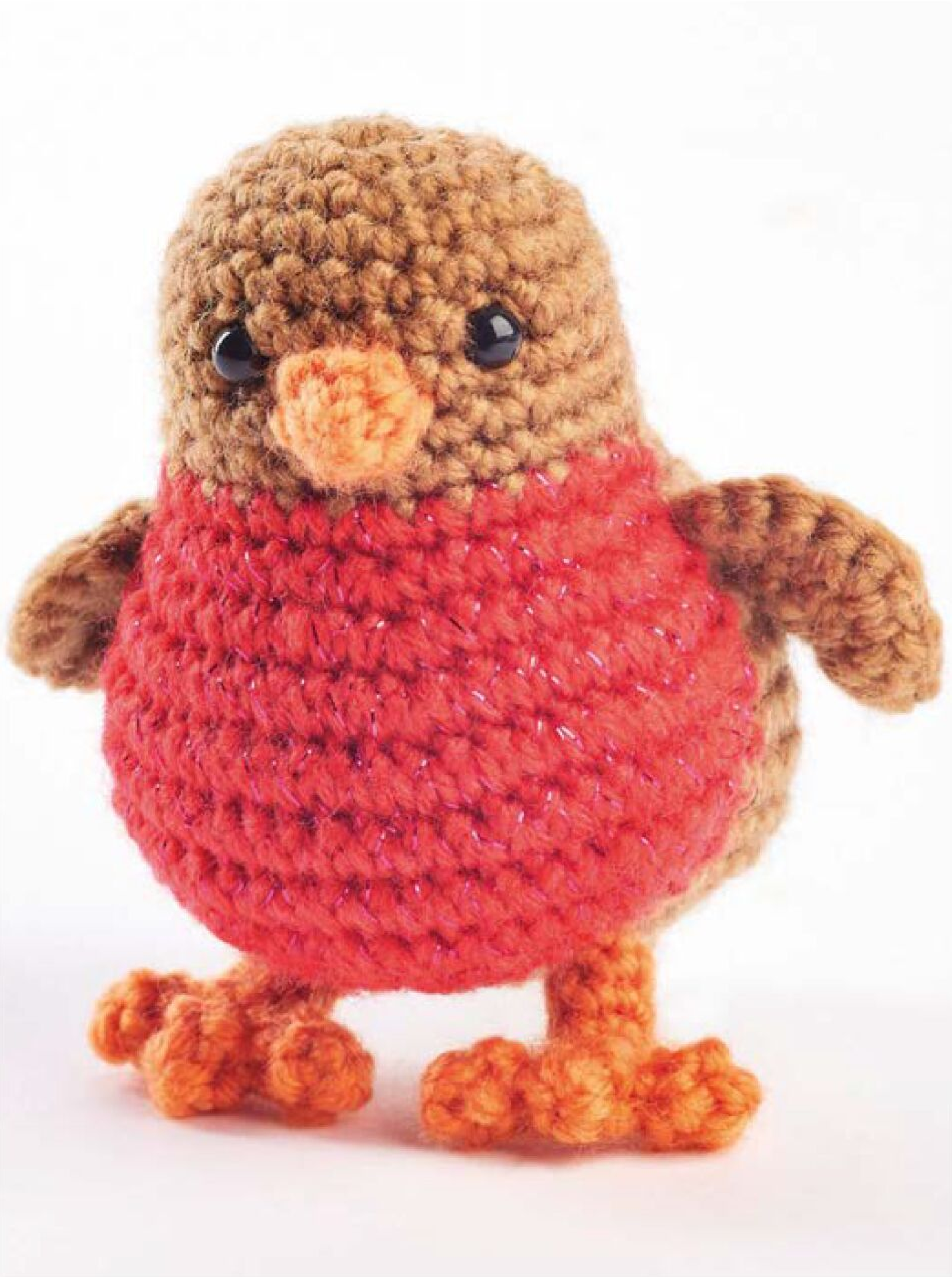
# Christmas robin

## Celebrate frosty days and cosy nights with our favourite festive bird

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Chirpy Brown, Sparkly Red, Cheery Orange ★ 3mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Two 6mm black safety eyes ★ 9cm length of wire or pipe cleaner ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: 9.5cm



### HEAD & BODY

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 4-8: 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use, do not cut yarn not in use, carry it along row working sts over it. Join end of each rnd with a sl st, beg 1ch does not count as a st

☐ Rnd 9: 1ch, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc (Chirpy Brown), 1dc, 2dc in next st, (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Sparkly Red), 1dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st (Chirpy Brown). 30 sts

☐ Rnd 10: 1ch, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc (Chirpy Brown), 2dc, 2dc in next st, (4dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Sparkly Red), 2dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, 2dc in next st (Chirpy Brown). 36 sts

☐ Rnd 11: 1ch, 5dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc (Chirpy Brown), 3dc, 2dc in next st, (5dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Sparkly Red), 3dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st (Chirpy Brown). 42 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1ch, 6dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc (Chirpy Brown), 4dc, 2dc in next st, (6dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Sparkly Red), 4dc, 2dc in next st, 6dc, 2dc in next st (Chirpy Brown). 48 sts

☐ Rnds 13-15: 1ch, 10dc (Chirpy Brown), 24dc (Sparkly Red), 14dc (Chirpy Brown)

☐ Rnd 16: 1ch, 10dc (Chirpy Brown), (2dc, dc2tog) six times (Sparkly Red), 14dc (Chirpy Brown). 42 sts

☐ Rnd 17: 1ch, 5dc, dc2tog, 3dc (Chirpy Brown), 2dc, dc2tog, (5dc, dc2tog) twice (Sparkly Red), (5dc, dc2tog) twice (Chirpy Brown). 36 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 5-6, approx five sts apart

Cont in Chirpy Brown only

☐ Rnd 18: 1ch, 7dc, (1dc, dc2tog) six times, 11dc. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 19: 1ch, 4dc, (1dc, dc2tog) six times, 8dc. 24 sts

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 20: 1ch, 6dc, (1dc, dc2tog) three times, 9dc. 21 sts

☐ Rnd 21: 1ch, 5dc, (1dc, dc2tog) three times, 7dc. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 22: 1ch, 4dc, (1dc, dc2tog) three times, 5dc. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 23: 1ch, 3dc, (1dc, dc2tog) three times, 3dc. 12 sts

Fasten off

### RIGHT WING

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring, turn. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, 2htr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2dtr in last st

Fasten off

### LEFT WING

Using 3mm hook and Chirpy Brown make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring, turn. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, 1dtr, 3tr in next st, 2htr in next st, 1dc, (2dc in next st, 1dc) twice

Fasten off

### BEAK

Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### FOOT (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### TOE (MAKE 4)

Using 3mm hook and Cheery Orange make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold Body sts in half to create tail and sew hole shut. Sew Wings onto Body and Beak onto face. Sew two Toes to either side of Foot, push wire through middle of Foot and bend it at Toes to create Foot and Leg, bend wire again and push through Body, bend wire again, attach Foot to other end and bend wire again at Toes. Weave in all ends

> *"With a few colour changes this robin could easily become a blackbird or sparrow, so why not create your own flock?"*
>
> **HANNAH COOPER**
> DESIGNER

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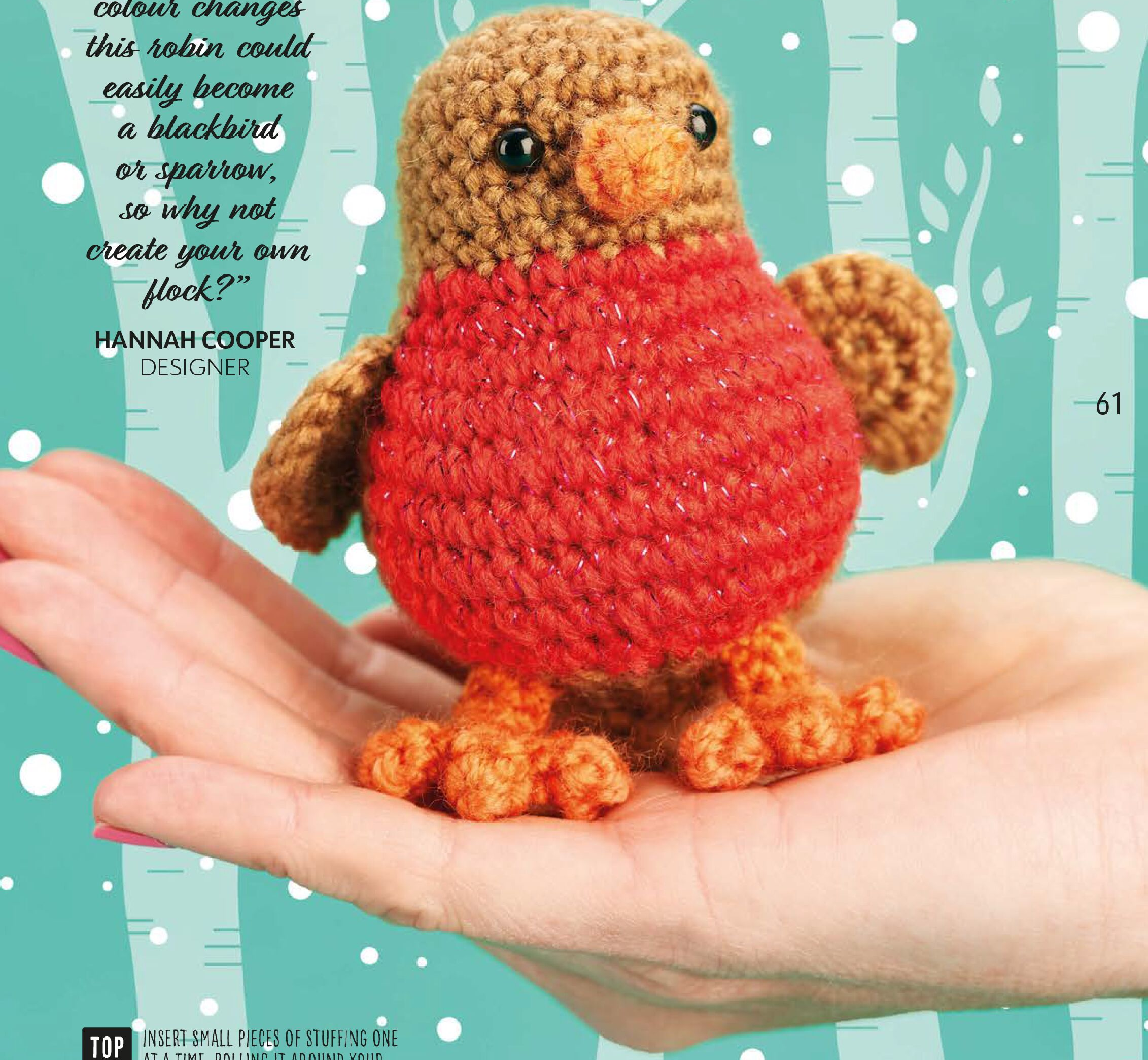


**TOP TIP!** INSERT SMALL PIECES OF STUFFING ONE AT A TIME, ROLLING IT AROUND YOUR FINGERS FIRST TO AVOID A LUMPY SURFACE

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Nutcracker dolls

These magical toy soldiers are a classic Christmas emblem and can be made in a multitude of smart colours

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Frosty Pink, Festive Purple, Red Sparkle, Leafy Lime, Classic Red, Bright Gold ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ Two 8mm black safety eyes ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Height: 28.5cm

## HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: 14dc, MB in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 7dc, 2dc in next st, 14dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: 7dc, dc2tog, 14dc, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

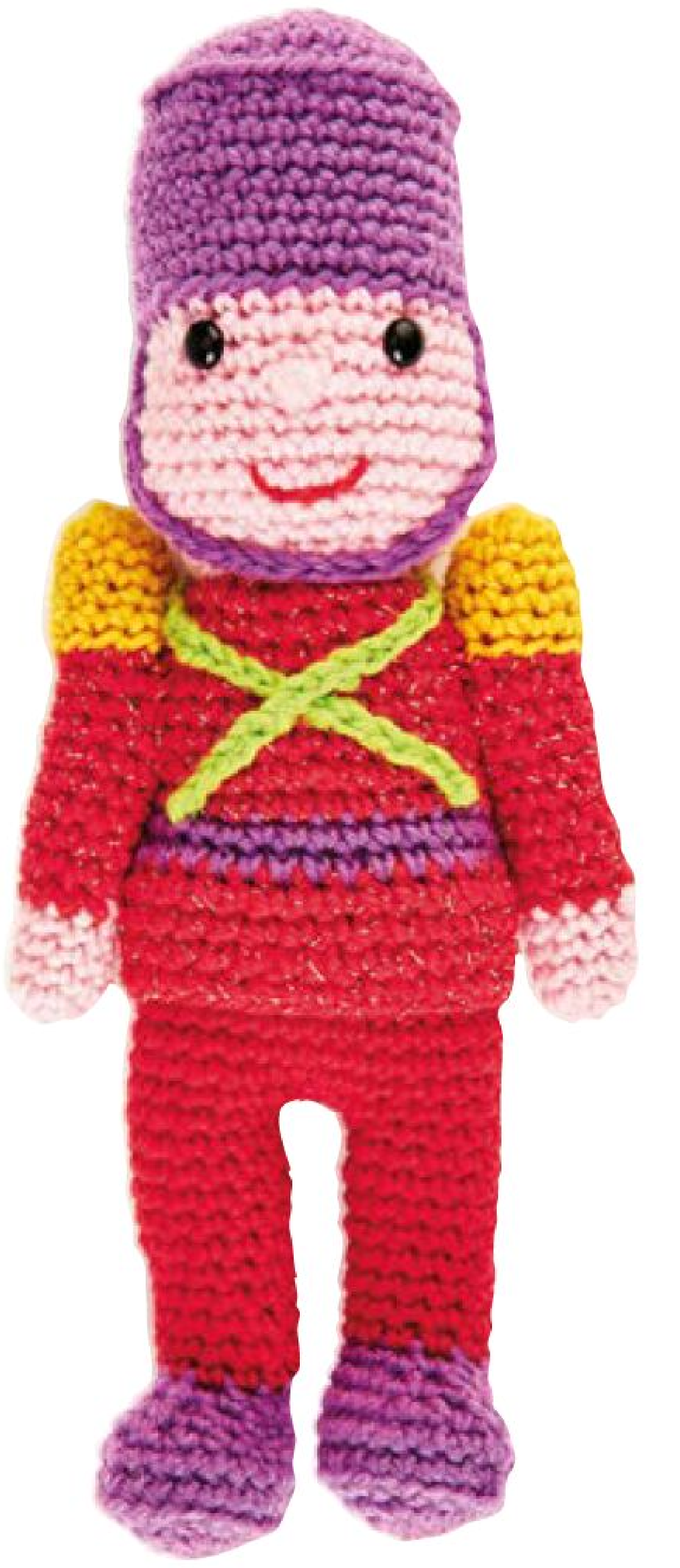
☐ Rnd 16: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 9-10, approx six sts apart, with nose in centre

☐ Rnd 18: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail



## HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnd 6: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 7-13: 1dc in each st to end

Sl st to next st, make 28ch (or chain long enough to fit around chin), sl st to opposite side of Hat to join

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LEGS & BODY

* Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, [2dc in next st] twice) to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 3dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc. 14 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice. 22 sts

☐ Rnd 4: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: 2dc, (dc2tog) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc, (dc2tog) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 14 sts

☐ Rnd 8: 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Change to Classic Red

☐ Rnds 9-19: 1dc in each st to end *

Fasten off

Rep from * to * once, cont to Body as folls:

**NOTE:** make sure boots are both pointing forwards before you begin

☐ Rnd 20: sl st to middle inside of Leg, 3ch, sl st to middle inside of other Leg, (12dc, 1dc in each st of 3ch) twice. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 21-27: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Stuff Legs firmly

## COAT BOTTOM

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle make 30ch, join with a sl st to first ch to make a ring. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## COAT TOP

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple work through Rnd 4 of Coat Bottom and Rnd 27 of Legs & Body

☐ Rnd 1: working through all layers, 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 12: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## COAT BRAIDING

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime make ch that is long enough to cross over front of Body

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARM (MAKE 2)

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnds 5-16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## EPAULETTE (MAKE 2)

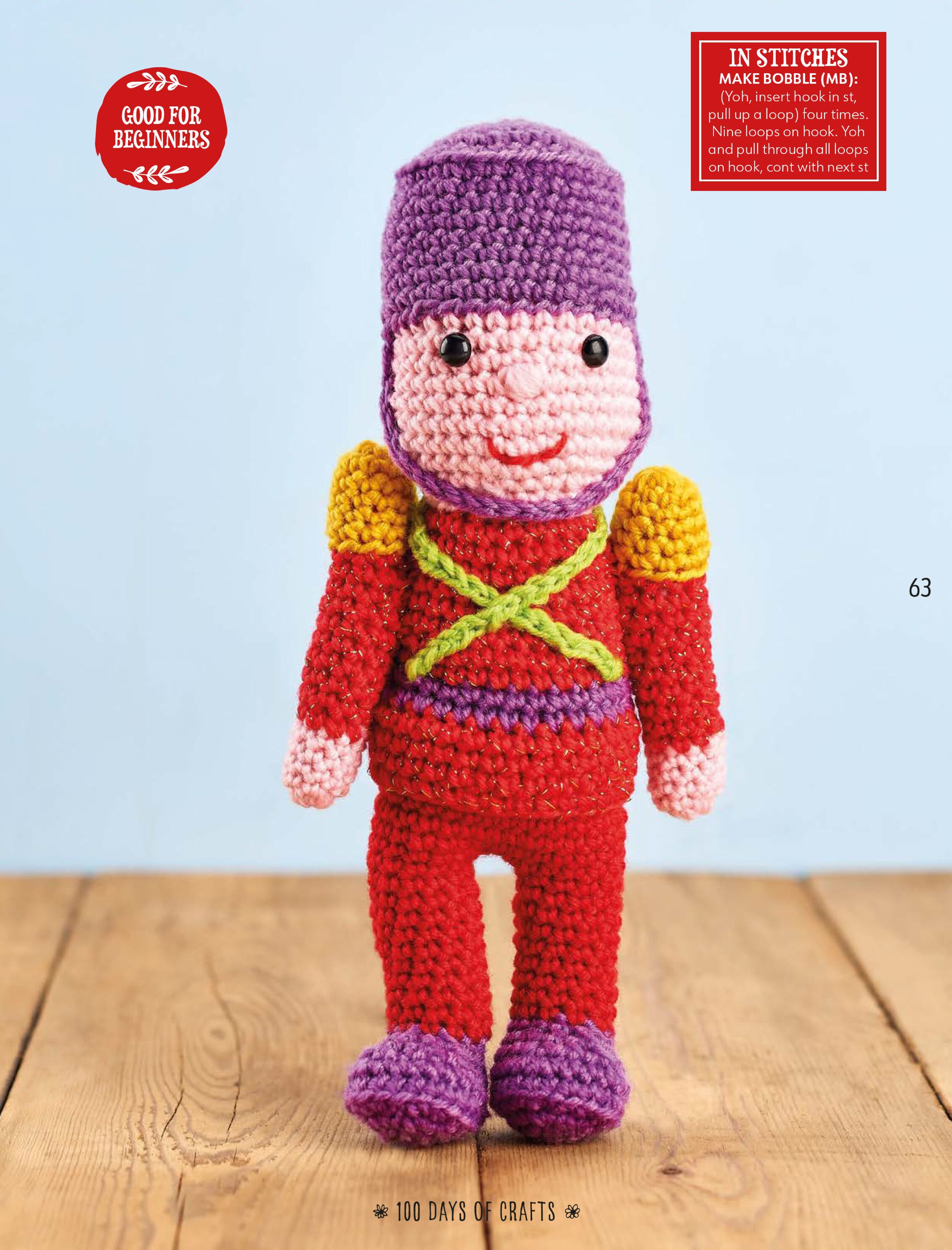
Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Gold make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 1-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Coat Top closed. Split length of Classic Red and using two strands, embroider mouth over Rnd 14 of Head. Stuff, ensuring neck is stuffed firmly. Sew Hat to top of Head, then sew Head to Body. Push Epaulettes over top of Arms and sew into place. Attach Arms to Body. Attach Coat Braiding to Body, crossing it over. Weave in all ends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## IN STITCHES

**MAKE BOBBLE (MB):** (Yoh, insert hook in st, pull up a loop) four times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook, cont with next st

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Tree scene

Not much beats the sight of a decorated Christmas tree with lots of exciting presents below, just waiting to be opened

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Frosty Pink, Festive Purple, Red Sparkle, Leafy Lime, Classic Red, Bright Gold ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Two 12mm safety eyes ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Tree height: 15cm. Red Present height: 4.5cm. Pink Present length: 5.5cm. Purple Present width: 3cm

## TREE

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 6-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: working in BLO, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 9-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 14: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnds 16-17: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 18: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 19: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 20: working in BLO, (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 21: working in BLO, (7dc, dc2tog) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 22: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnd 23: (dc2tog, 14dc) to end. 30 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 17-18, approx six sts apart

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnd 24: working in FLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 25-26: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Festive Purple

☐ Rnd 27: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnd 28: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

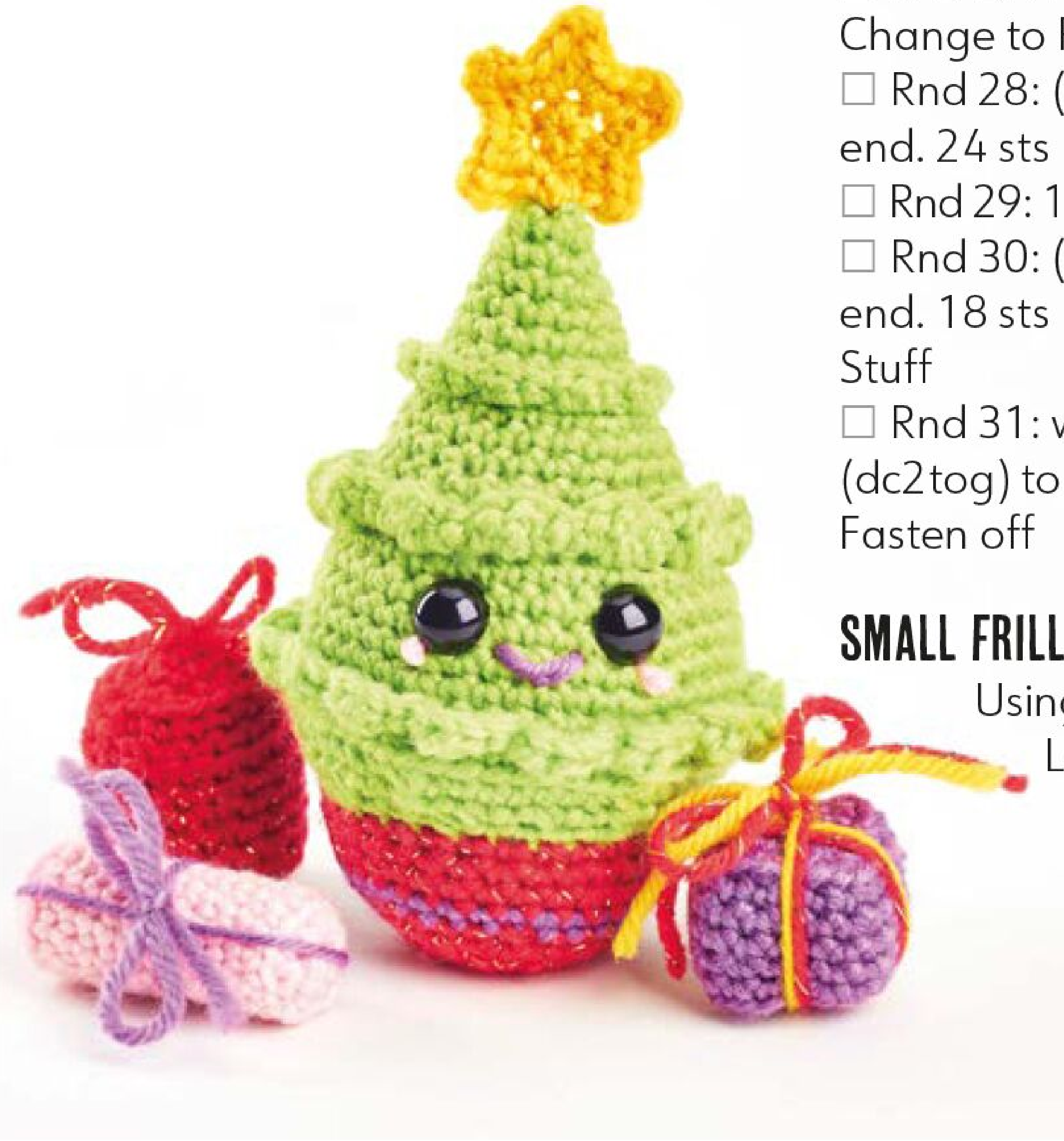
☐ Rnd 29: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 30: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 31: working in BLO, (dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off



### SMALL FRILL

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime, attach to front loop of Rnd 8 of Tree

☐ Row 1: 1ch, ([1dc, 1htr] in next st, [1dc, one sl st] in next st) to end, join with a sl st in first st. 36 sts

Fasten off

### MEDIUM FRILL

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime attach to front loop of Rnd 14 of Tree

☐ Row 1: 1ch, ([1dc, 1htr] in next st, [1tr, 1htr] in next st, [1dc, one sl st] in next st) to end, join with a sl st in first st. 72 sts

Fasten off

### LARGE FRILL

Using 3.5mm hook and Leafy Lime attach to front loop of Rnd 20 of Tree

☐ Row 1: rep Row 1 of Medium Frill. 96 sts

Fasten off

### STAR

Using 3.5mm hook and Bright Gold make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

☐ Rnd 1: (1dc, 1htr, 3ch, 1htr, 1dc) in each st to end, join with a sl st in first st

Fasten off

## PRESENTS

### PURPLE PRESENT

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc, (3dc in next st, 2dc) three times, 3dc in next st, 1dc. 20 sts

☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: working in BLO, (2dc, dc3tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 9: (dc3tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

### RED PRESENT

Using 3.5mm hook and Classic Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

☐ Rnd 11: working in BLO, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 12: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### PINK PRESENT

Using 3.5mm hook and Frosty Pink make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 3-13: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

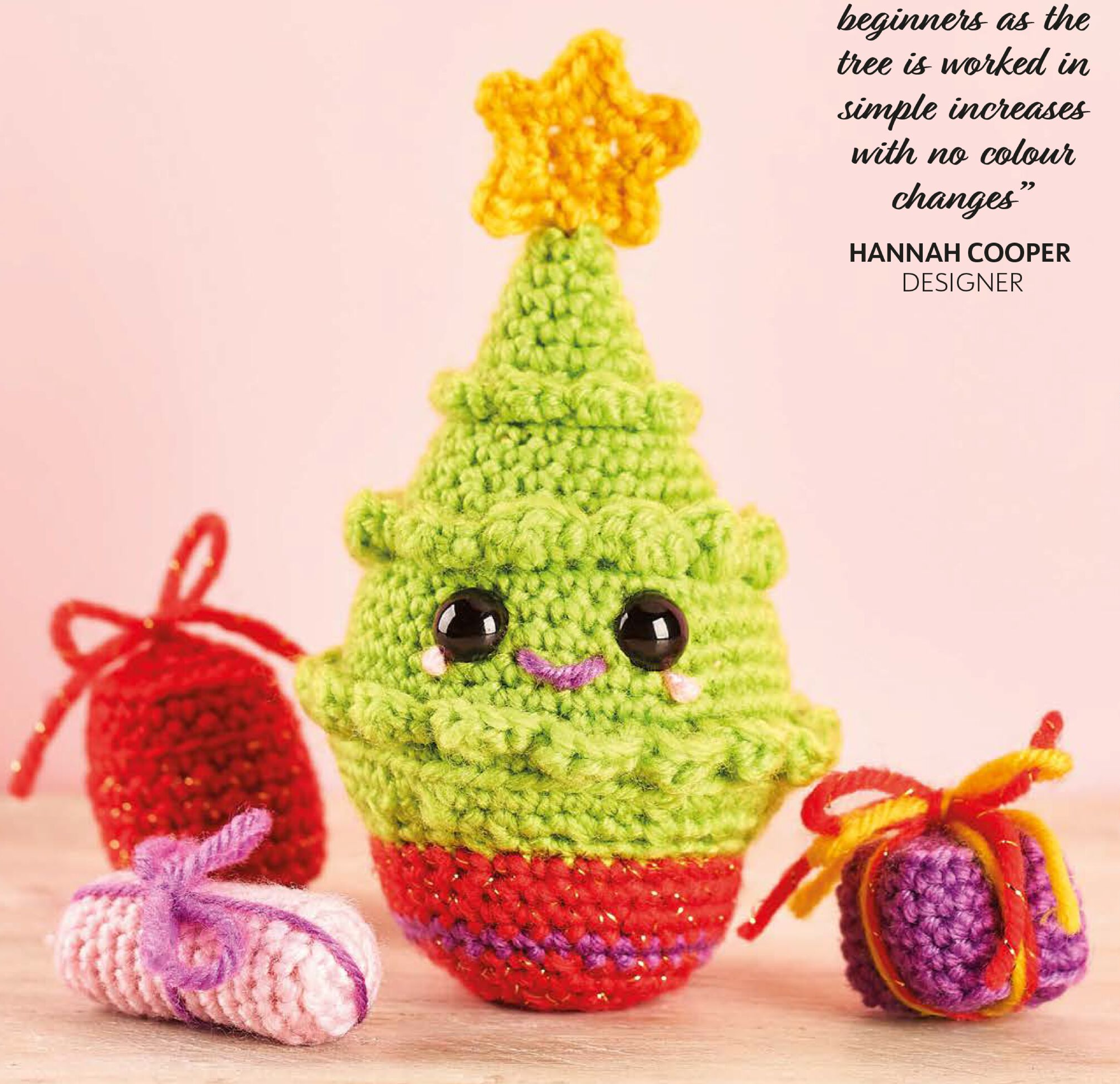
☐ Rnd 14: working in BLO, (dc3tog) to end. Four sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Use Festive Purple to embroider smile between eyes. Use Frosty Pink to make two French knots below eyes for cheeks. Sew Star to top of Tree. Tie contrasting colour yarn in bows around Presents. Weave in all ends

**TOP TIP!** PRACTISE MAKING FRENCH KNOTS BEFORE SEWING THEM ONTO THE CHRISTMAS TREE



GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

*"This project is perfect for beginners as the tree is worked in simple increases with no colour changes"*

**HANNAH COOPER**
DESIGNER

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Chloe the doll

With her festive hat and jolly green jumper, there's no doubt as to which season is this little lady's favourite!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Santa Red, Leafy Green, Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Snowy White, Variegated ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Toy stuffing ★ Two 8mm black safety eyes ★ Black thread ★ Blusher (optional) ★ 5cm pom-pom maker ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Size: 24.5cm tall

**NOTE:** many sections are worked without joining in continuous rnds (unless specified), so place st marker in top of first st to mark start of rnd

## HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: 18dc, * yoh, insert hook in 19th st, pull up a loop, rep from * three times (nine loops on hook), yoh and pull through all loops on hook (creates Nose), 1dc in each st to end. 36 sts

Add safety eyes between Rnds 9-10, approx six sts apart

Using black thread add eyelashes next to eyes

☐ Rnds 12-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 16: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Split a strand of Santa Red and embroider mouth over

☐ Rnd 16 under Nose

☐ Rnd 17: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 18: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 19: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff firmly

Fasten off leaving a long tail

## LEG (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off Santa Red and weave in ends, attach Blush Pink to any st

☐ Rnds 6-16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off and weave in ends

**Body**

Attach Variegated to any st on one Leg

☐ Rnd 17: 3ch, sl st onto any st on other Leg, 12dc around First Leg, 1dc in each of 3 ch, 12dc around Second Leg, 1dc in each of next 3 ch. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 18-22: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff Legs and lower Body firmly and cont to stuff as you go

Fasten off Variegated

Join Leafy Green to any st

☐ Rnd 23: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 24-33: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 34: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 35: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 36: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 37: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts and fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**Front post half treble (FPhtr):** Yoh, insert hook from front to back to front around post of corresponding st below, yoh, pull up a loop. Three loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook

**Back post half treble (BPhtr):** Yoh, insert hook from back to front to back around post of corresponding st below, yoh, pull up a loop. Three loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook

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### SKIRT

Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make 30ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnds 4-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: 2dc in each st to end. 84 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ARM (MAKE 2)

**NOTE:** stuff as you go leaving upper half of Arm unstuffed

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make a magic ring, work 10dc into ring. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off and weave in ends. Join Leafy Green to any st

☐ Rnd 3-15: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SCARF

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 2dc into ring, turn. Two sts

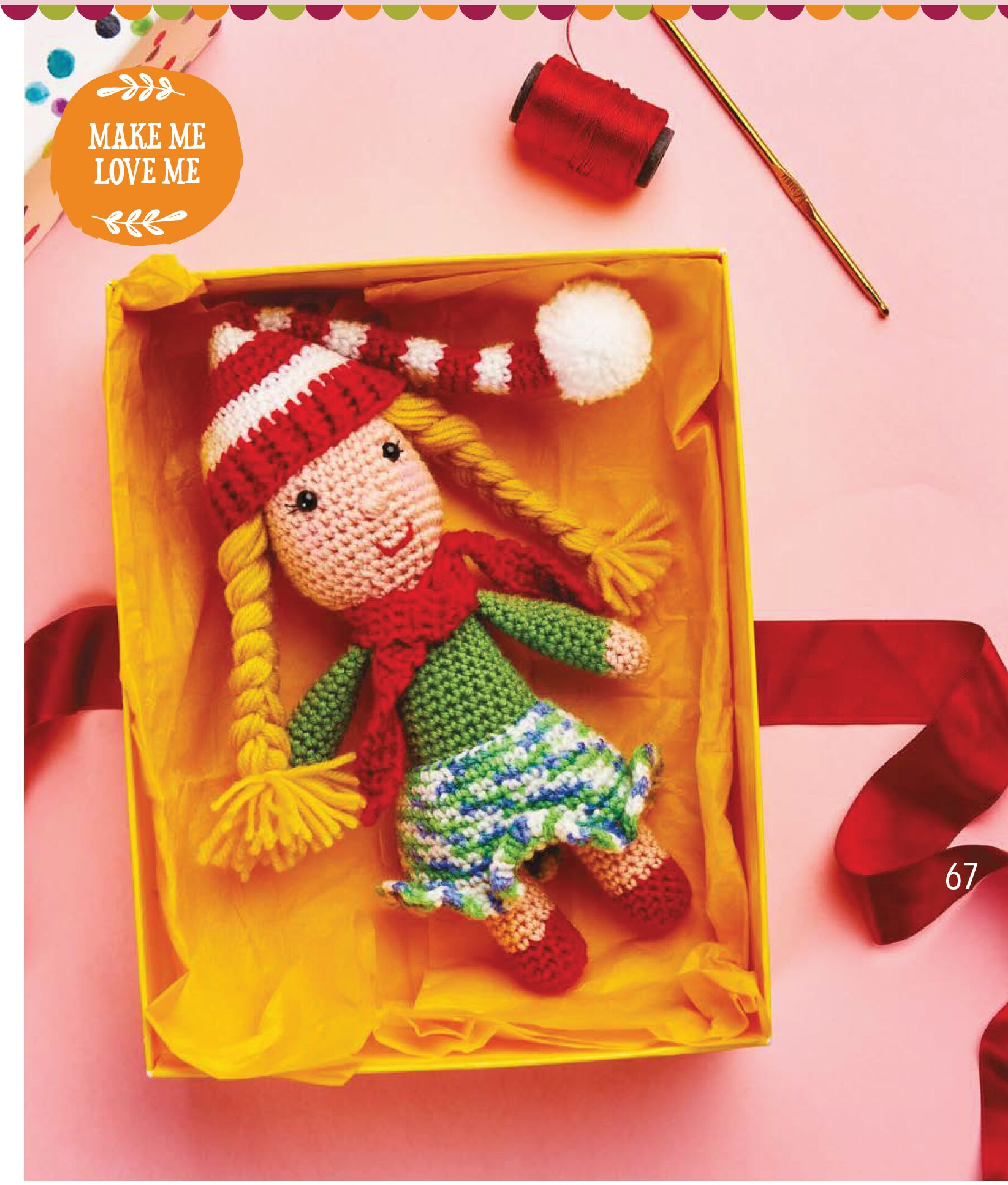
☐ Row 1: 1ch (counts as st), 2dc, turn. Three sts

☐ Rows 2-64: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 65: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. Two sts

☐ Row 66: dc2tog. One st

Fasten off



### HAT

**NOTE:** worked from tip down, carry unused yarn up side ready for next stripe

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnds 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Snowy White, Santa Red

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnds 6-7: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 9-10: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 11: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

☐ Rnds 12-13: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 14: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 15-16: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 17: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 18-19: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 20: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

☐ Rnds 21-22: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 23: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts

☐ Rnds 24-25: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 26: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 27-28: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 29: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 30-31: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 32: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 33-34: as Rnds 3-4

☐ Rnd 35: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 36-37: as Rnds 3-4

Cont in Santa Red only

☐ Rnd 38: 1htr in each st to end

☐ Rnd 39-41: (FPhtr, BPhtr) to end, sl st to top st to join

Fasten off

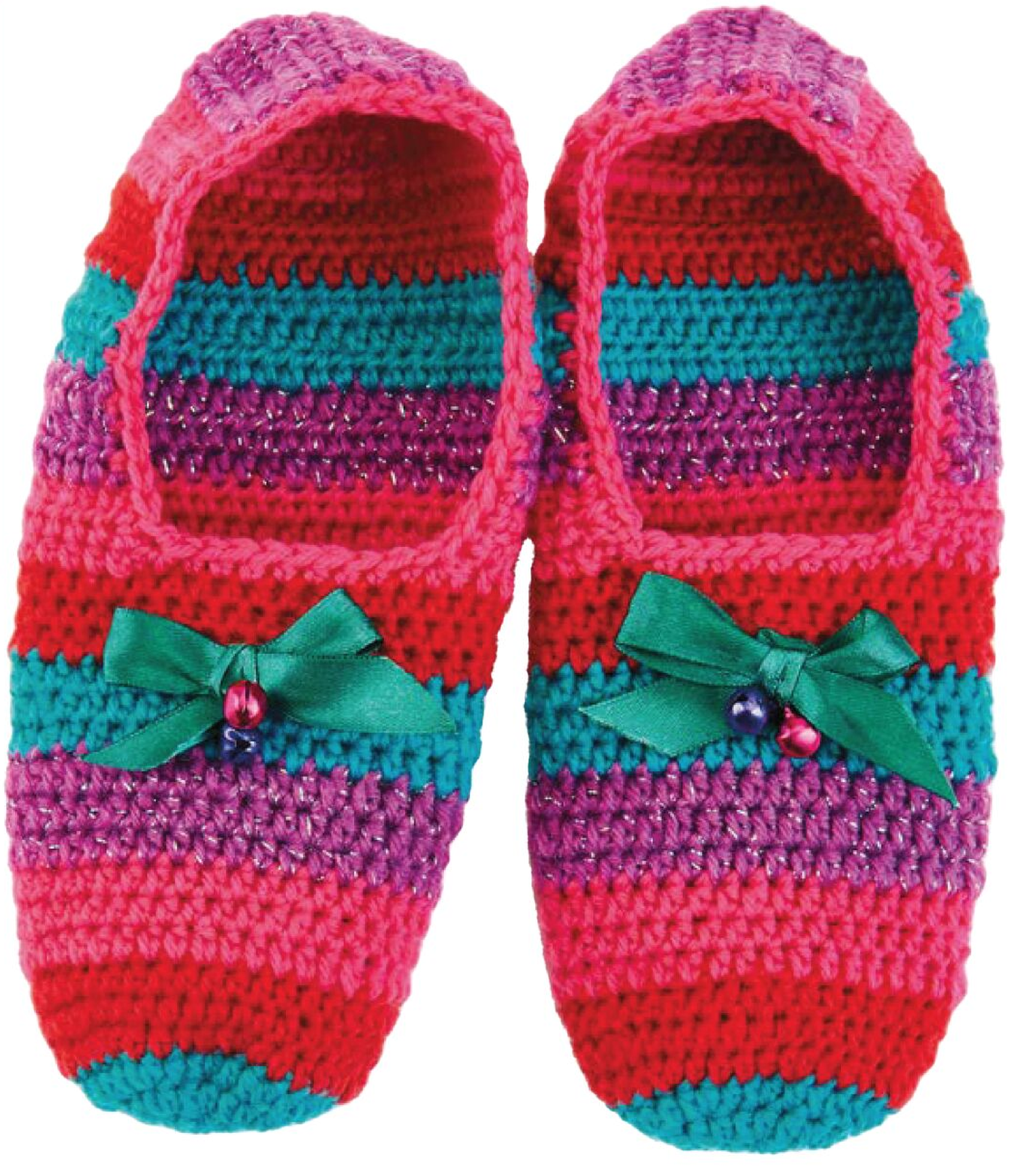
### TO MAKE UP

For hair, cut several 40cm strands of Golden Yellow. Fold two strands in half. Working into post sts of Rnds 1-4 of Head, insert hook through a st, catch the bend of yarn with hook and pull a short loop under st. Pull yarn tails through to cinch loop into a knot. Rep to add more hair intermittently around very top of Head only. Make a centre parting and style into plaits on each side. Attach Head to top of Body, and Arms to either side of Body. Attach Skirt to Rnd 23 of Body. Tie Scarf round neck. Add Hat to top of Head, folding over to one side and tacking in place. Using Snowy White make a 5cm pom-pom and attach to Hat. Add blusher to cheeks (optional). Weave in all ends

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Sparkly slippers

## This fab festive footwear is just the thing to get you in the Christmas spirit



*"Attaching the ribbon bow and bells to a brooch back means you can remove them when washing your slippers"*

**HEATHER GIBBS**
DESIGNER

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Jolly Green, Party Pink, Sparkly Purple, Merry Red ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ 40cm green ribbon ★ Two small jingle bells (optional) ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Medium shoe: UK size 4-6 (approx). Large shoe: UK size 6-8 (approx)

### SLIPPERS (MAKE 2)

**NOTE:** worked from the toe up, when working in rnds join with a sl st to first htr

Using 3.5mm hook and Jolly Green make a magic ring, 2ch (does not count as st throughout), work 10htr into ring, join with a sl st to top of first htr. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2ch, (2htr in each st) to end. 20 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2ch, (1htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 30 sts

Change to Merry Red

**Medium size only**

☐ Rnd 3: 2ch, (4htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 36 sts

**Large size only**

☐ Rnd 3: 2ch, (2htr, 2htr in next st) to end. 40 sts

**All sizes**

☐ Rnds 4-5: 2ch, (1htr in each st) to end

Change to Party Pink

Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Party Pink, Sparkly Purple, Jolly Green, Merry Red

☐ Rnds 6-17: 2ch, (1htr in each st) to end

Change to Party Pink

From this point onwards work in rows. To adjust length, cont until approx 2.5cm before end of your foot, then work Heel

☐ Row 1: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 25 (29) htr, turn. 26 (30) sts

☐ Rows 2-3: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st to end, turn

Work in foll three-row stripe sequence: Sparkly Purple, Jolly Green, Merry Red

☐ Rows 4-12: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st to end, turn

Change to Party Pink

☐ Rows 13-14: rep Rows 1-2

**Large size only**

☐ Row 15: rep Row 1

Cont in stripe sequence if necessary until foot is correct length

**Heel**

Change to Sparkly Purple

☐ Row 16: as Row 1

☐ Row 17: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 10 (12) htr, htr2tog twice, 11 (13) htr, turn. 24 (28) sts

☐ Row 18: 2ch, 1htr in same st, 9 (11) htr, htr2tog twice, 10 (12) htr, turn. 22 (26) sts

Fasten off. Turn inside out and use yarn end to sew up back seam of Slipper. Turn right way out again

### ANKLE

**NOTE:** from this point work in rnds again

Using 3.5mm hook join Party Pink to any st of ankle opening

☐ Rnd 1: 1htr in each row end to corner, htr2tog, 1htr in each st of front edge to corner, htr2tog, 1htr in each row end to beg of rnd

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Tie ribbon in a bow. Attach with a couple of jingle bells to top of Slipper around Rnd 15, or affix to a brooch back to make removable for washing. Weave in all ends

### MIND THE GAP

Avoid uneven seams or gaping holes in your slipper by skipping over your chain stitches at the start of the round and joining to your first stitch. If you start your next round in the same stitch as your chains it allows them to become filler stitches and prevents your seam having large holes

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

**TOP TIP!** THESE SLIPPERS CAN BE ADJUSTED TO FIT YOUR FOOT LENGTH BY WORKING FEWER ROWS OF THE SIDE EDGES, SO KEEP AN EYE ON THE MEASUREMENTS AS YOU GO ALONG

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

# Quick decs

Give your tree a treat with a quirky set of crocheted decs

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Santa Red, Leafy Green, Golden Yellow, Blush Pink, Snowy White, Variegated ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Stuffing ★ Two 8mm and two 6mm safety eyes ★ Silver thread ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Hot Chocolate: 9cm tall (max). Penguin: 7cm tall. Rocking horse: 8cm tall x 11cm long. Heart: 8.5cm tall. Star: 8cm max diameter, plus tassel

## HOT CHOCOLATE

### MUG

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 6-12: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Leafy Green

☐ Rnd 13: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 14: working in FLO, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### HANDLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 7ch

☐ Row 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### MUG TOP

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### CREAM

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in BLO, 2dc in each st to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnds 4-5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff Mug and Cream. Sew Mug Top to Mug through both loops of Top piece and BLO of Mug sts between Rnds 13-14. Sew Handle to side of Mug and Cream on to Top. Using Variegated, embroider an eight-point star to front and add six French knots around star

## PENGUIN

### BODY

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Join in Snowy White, colour in brackets indicates shade

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc (Leafy Green), 1dc (Snowy White), (2dc in next st), 2dc (Leafy Green), 1dc (Snowy White), 2dc in next st, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end (Leafy Green). 30 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 11dc (Leafy Green), 3dc (Snowy White), 2dc (Leafy Green), 3dc (Snowy White), 11dc (Leafy Green)

☐ Rnd 7: 10dc (Leafy Green), 4dc (Snowy White), 2dc (Leafy Green), 4dc (Snowy White), 10dc (Leafy Green)

☐ Rnds 8-9: 9dc (Leafy Green), 12dc (Snowy White), 9dc (Leafy Green)

Cont in Leafy Green only

☐ Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end

Attach 8mm safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, six sts apart

Stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 14: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 16: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### BEAK

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow make 2ch

Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first st. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FOOT (MAKE 2)

Work as for Beak

### WING (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Leafy Green make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Flatten Wing and work through both layers across top edge as folls:

☐ Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end. Four sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SCARF

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 49ch

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 48 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Shape Beak into dome. Sew Beak, Wings and Feet to Body. Tie Scarf around neck and sew in place with a few small sts

## ROCKING HORSE

### BODY

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 6-8: 1dc in each st to end

**First leg**

☐ Rnd 9: 5dc, miss 20 sts, 5dc. Ten sts

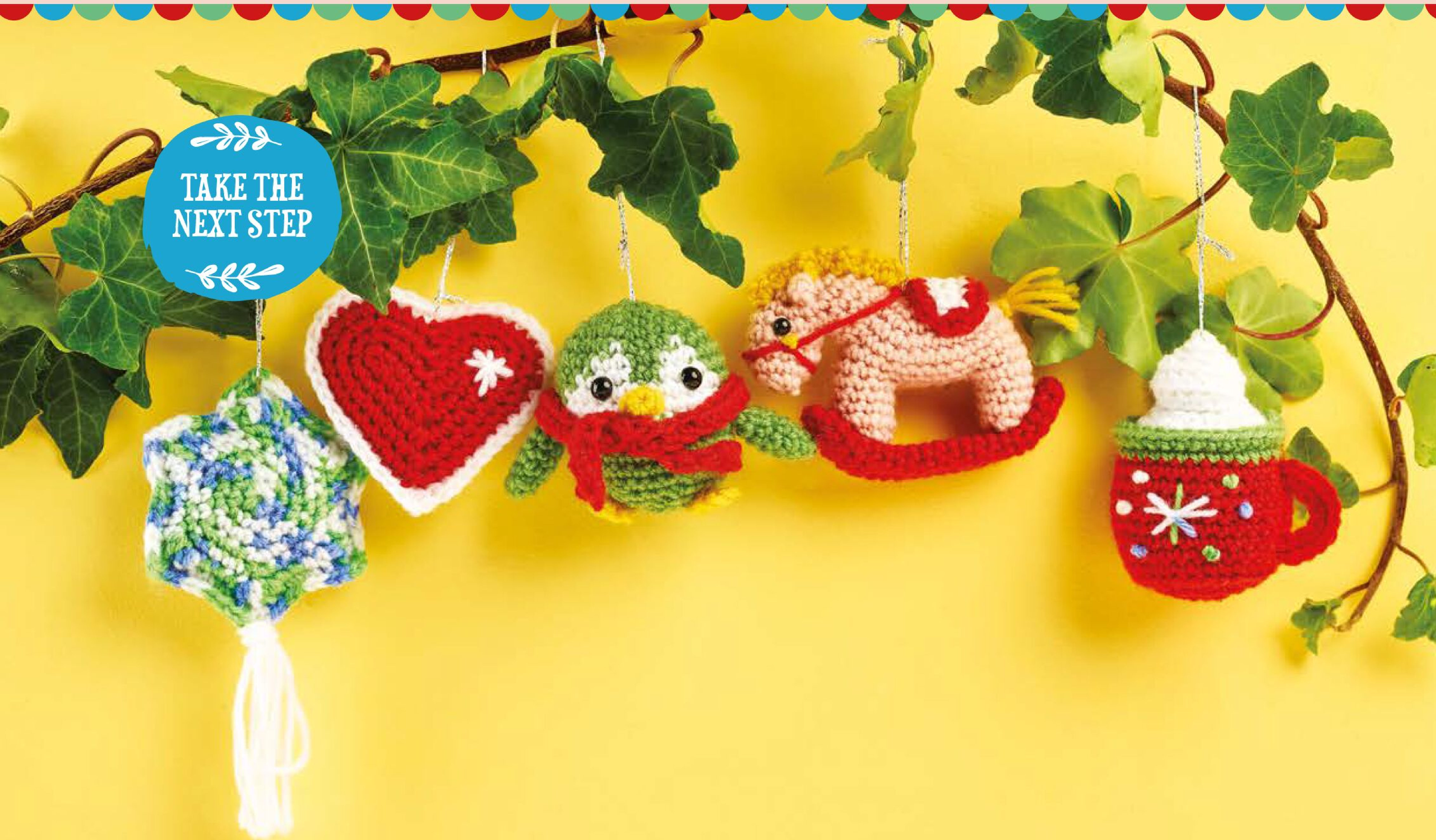
☐ Rnds 10-12: working in the rnd in ten sts just made, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SECOND LEG

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink, miss next five sts on Body, join yarn with sl st to next st



☐ Rnd 9: 1ch, 10dc, miss next five sts. Ten sts
☐ Rnds 10-12: working in the rnd in ten sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail
Stuff Body and Legs and close gaps

### HEAD

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch
☐ Rnds 1-4: work as for Body. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 5: 6dc, miss 12 sts, 6dc. 12 sts
☐ Rnds 6-7: working in the rnd in 12 sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Attach 6mm safety eyes around front between Rnds 4-5, five sts
☐ Rnd 8: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off

### NECK

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink join yarn with sl st to first unworked st from Rnd 5
☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 6: working in 12 sts just made, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Stuff Head and Neck

### ROCKER

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 5dc in second ch from hook. Five sts
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts
☐ Rnds 3-21: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 22: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### MANE

Using 3.75mm hook and Golden Yellow, make 8ch
☐ Row 1: (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in second ch from hook, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in each st to end. 14 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Blush Pink make 2ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook. One st
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SADDLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowy White make 7ch
☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 4dc, 3dc in next st, working in underside of ch, 4dc, 1dc in same st as first 2dc, join with sl st to top of first st. 14 sts
Change to Santa Red
☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, (2dc in next st) twice, 4dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 4dc, 2dc in next st, join with sl st to top of first st. 20 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Sew base of Neck to Body. Sew Mane along top centre of Head and down Neck. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Saddle on to Body. Using Santa Red, form a simple bridle and reins, using photo as a guide. Using Golden Yellow, embroider a French knot at either side of reins and make a 3cm tassel for a tail. Sew any gaps closed. Flatten Rocker and sew along centre to keep flat. Sew Horse's Legs to Rocker, bending ends of Rocker up slightly. Weave in all ends

> "These little decs would make fab gifts for friends and family, and they'll be brought out year after year as the prized decorations!"

**SARAH-JANE HICKS**
DESIGNER

**TOP TIP!** TEASE OUT YOUR STUFFING FIRST TO AVOID UNSIGHTLY LUMPS AND BUMPS

## HEART
### (MAKE 2 - 1 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3.75mm hook and Santa Red (Snowy White) make 11ch

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in second ch from hook, 3dc, miss 2ch, 3dc, 3dc in next st, working in underside of ch, 4dc, 2ch, 4dc, 1dc in same st as first 2dc, join with sl st to top of first st. 20 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, miss two sts, 2dc, (2dc in next st) three times, 4dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2-ch sp, 4dc, 2dc in next st, join with sl st to top of first st. 26 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc in next st) three times, 2dc, miss two sts, 2dc, (2dc in next st) four times, 6dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2-ch sp, 6dc, 2dc in next st, join with sl st to top of first st. 34 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc in next st) four times, 3dc, miss two sts, 3dc, (2dc in next st) four times, 9dc, (1dc, 2ch, 1dc) in 2-ch sp, 9dc, join with sl st to top of first st. 42 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Place two pieces of Heart with wrong sides tog, join in Snowy White, 1ch, working through both pieces, 1dc in each st around edge to join, stuff before finishing, join with sl st to top of first st, fasten off and weave in all ends. Using Snowy White embroider a small eight-point star to Santa Red side

## STAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (3dc, [1htr, 1tr] in next st, [1tr, 1htr in next st]) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Place two Stars wrong sides tog. Using 3.75mm hook and Variegated join yarn to first of 3dc between points, working through both pieces, 1ch (does not count as st), 4dc, * 2dc in next st, 2ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, rep from * to last three sts, 3dc, stuff before finishing, join with sl st to top of first st, fasten off and weave in ends. Using Snowy White make a 7cm tassel to hang from bottom point

### ALL BAUBLES

Attach length of silver thread to top of each decoration and tie into a loop

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DESIGNER **KATH WEBBER**

# Mini wreaths

These cute decs are perfect for hanging on the Christmas tree or for adorning cards and gifts

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Green, Teal, White, Red, Pink, Blue ★ 3.75mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Diameter: 13.5cm

**NOTE:** patt is for Green wreath
Using 3.75mm hook and Green join with a sl st to curtain ring, work 90dc around ring
**NOTE:** add or substract sts in multiples of six if necessary to ensure ring is covered
**NOTE:** colour in brackets preceding instruction indicates which yarn to use

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr) in next st, 4tr, (next bobble colour) mp (see panel), (Green) 1ch, * 5tr, (next bobble colour) mp, (Green) 1ch, rep from * to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch
Cont in Green only

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st (not bobble) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 75 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (miss two sts, 5tr in next st, miss two sts, 1dc in next st) to last three sts. 78 sts
Fasten off

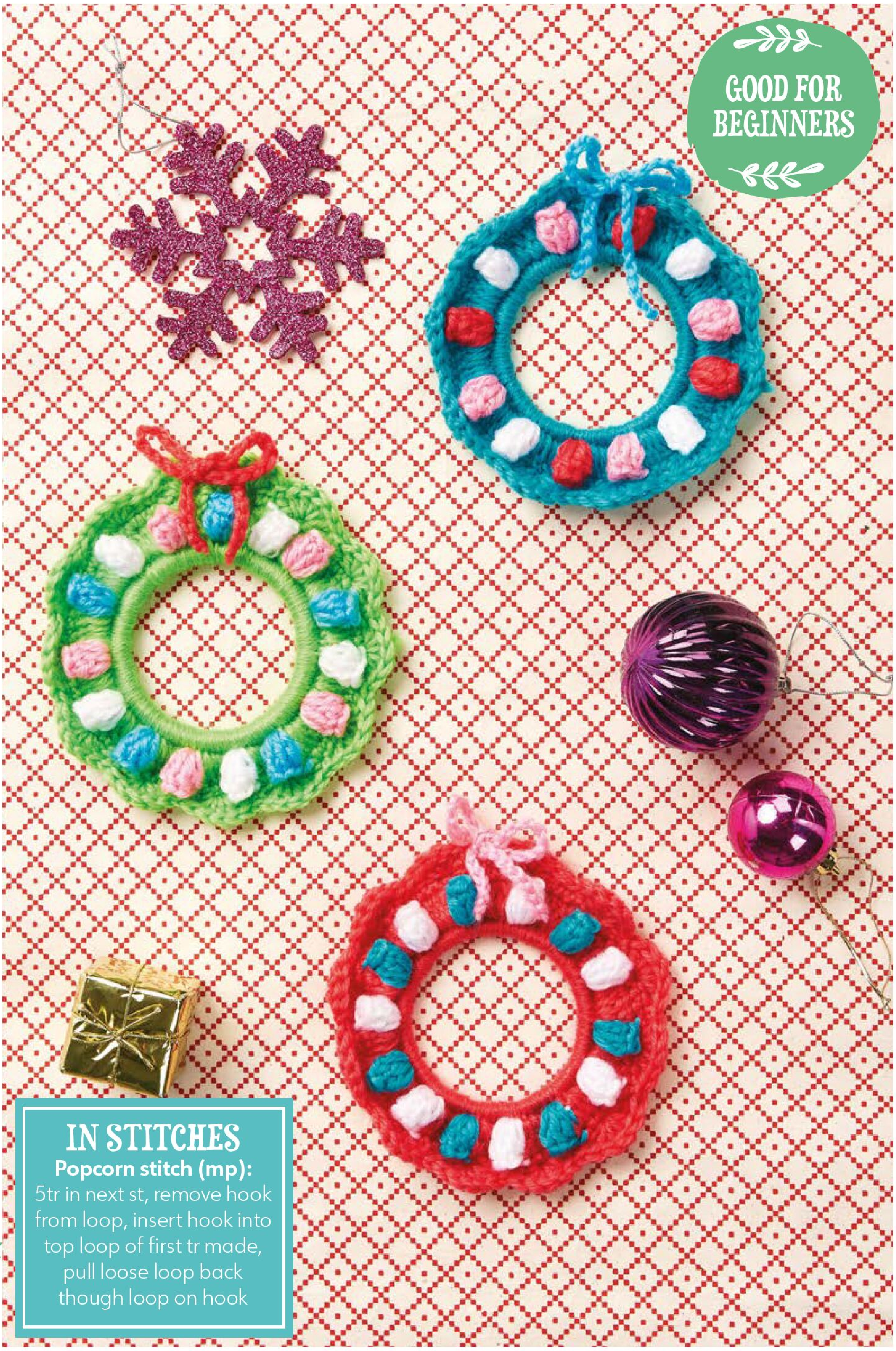
## RIBBON (MAKE 3)

Using 3.75mm hook and Red make 50ch
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Tie Ribbon in a bow and sew to top of Wreath in last three st gap from Rnd 3

SEE P130 FOR A LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

## IN STITCHES

**Popcorn stitch (mp):**
5tr in next st, remove hook from loop, insert hook into top loop of first tr made, pull loose loop back though loop on hook

DESIGNER **LION BRAND YARN**

# Baby afghan

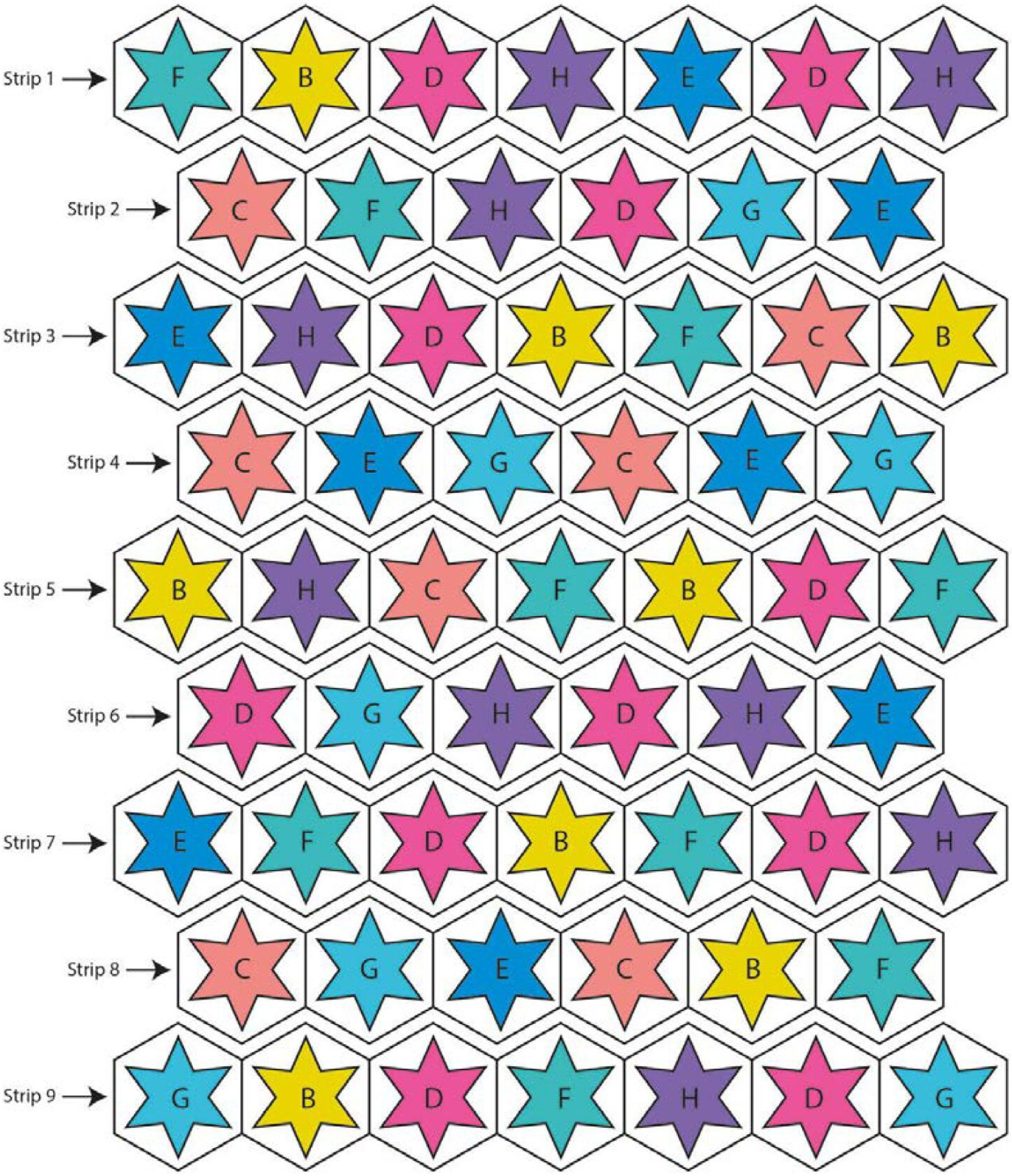
TAKE THE NEXT STEP

This starry blanket makes the best gift for expectant parents and can be made in any colourway

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, Lion Brand Vanna's Choice: A (100 White), four 100g balls; B (158 Mustard), C (104 Pink Grapefruit), D (139 Rose Shocking), E (102 Aqua), F (106 Aquamarine), G (111 Sky Blue), H (183 Periwinkle), one 100g ball of each, all available at **lionbrand.com** ★ 5.5mm hook ★ Tapestry needle

Hexie diagonal length: 12.5cm.
Blanket: 81.5cm x 96.5cm



## HEXAGON STAR (MAKE 59 – 7 EACH IN COLOURS C & G, 8 EACH IN COLOURS B & E, 9 EACH IN COLOURS F & H, 11 IN COLOUR D)

Using 5.5mm hook and chosen yarn make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1 (RS): 2ch (counts as 1htr), work 11htr into ring, join with a sl st to first st. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1ch, 1dc) in first st, (5ch, starting in second ch from hook working in back loops only, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1dtr [point made], miss three sts, 1dc) to end, omitting last 1dc, join with a sl st to first st. Six points made Fasten off

Cont in Yarn A only

☐ Rnd 4 (RS): working in back loops only, draw up loop of Yarn A in any htr, 2ch (counts as 1htr), (1tr, dtr3tog [see panel], cont across foundation ch of point as folls: 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, one sl st in tip of point, work along opposite side of point as folls: 1dc, 1htr) to end, omitting last 1htr, join with a sl st to first st. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, (1dc in each st to next sl st at tip of point, 2dc in next st) to end, 1dc in last st, join with a sl st to first st. 54 sts Fasten off

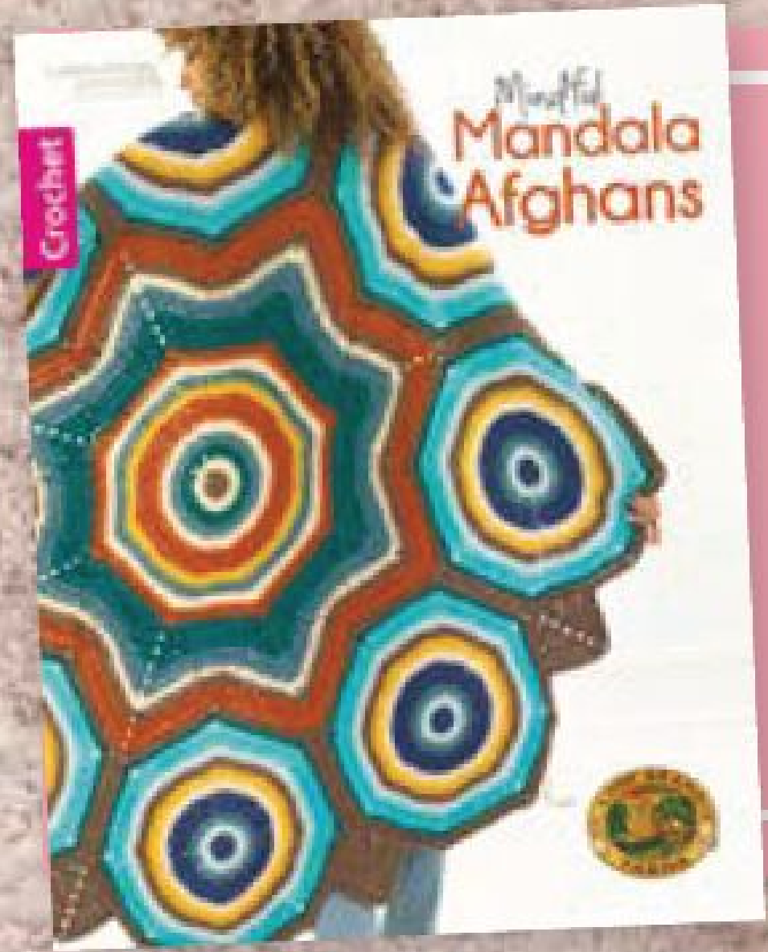
## IN STITCHES

**dtr3tog:** ((yoh) twice, insert hook in next dtr, draw up loop, (yoh, draw through two loops) twice, miss next st, (yoh) twice, insert hook in first ch of 5ch foundation ch of next point, draw up loop, (yoh, draw through two loops) twice, yoh, draw through all three loops on hook

## TO MAKE UP

Using diagram as a guide sew Hexagons into nine strips. Sew strips tog. Weave in all ends

**TOP TIP!** EACH HEXIE IS WORKED IN JOINED ROUNDS WITH THE RIGHT SIDE ALWAYS FACING. A STAR-SHAPED CENTRE IS MADE FIRST, THEN STITCHES ARE WORKED AROUND THIS TO CREATE A HEXAGON


Crochet
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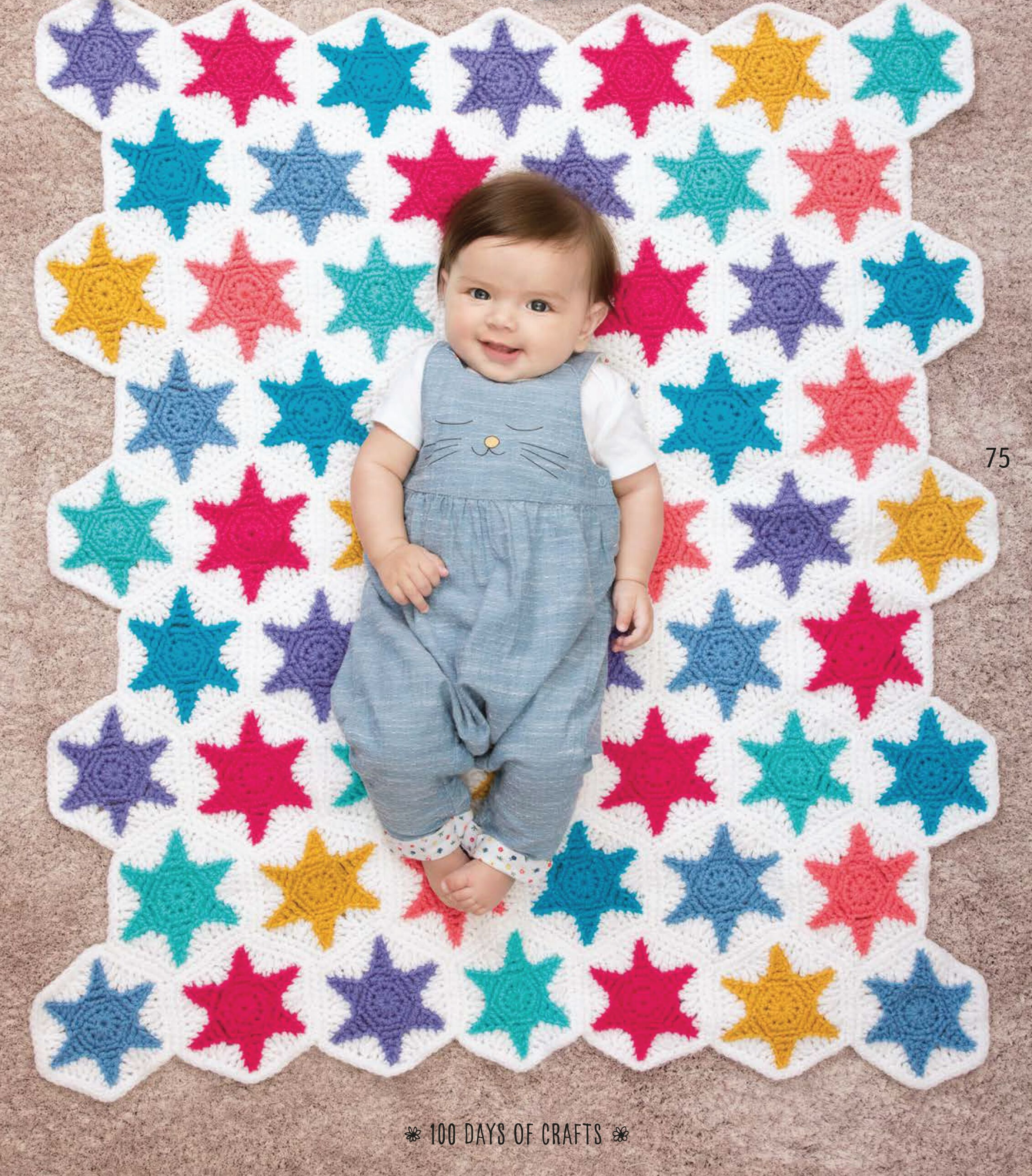
Extracted from *Mindful Mandala Afghans Crochet book* by Lion Brand Yarn (£11.99, Leisure Arts), which features 10 artful afghans that are sure to be a showpiece in any room – includes easy and intermediate makes. **leisurearts.com**



DESIGNER **DROPS DESIGN STUDIO**

# Hat & cowl set

GREAT FOR GIFTING

Make a chic beret and neck warmer combo using treble groups

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: DROPS Big Delight by Garnstudio.com in colour No. 11 Berry Muffin, 100g for both sizes (hat)/200g for both sizes (cowl) ★ 7mm hook
★ Tape measure
★ Tapestry needle
★ Scissors

Hat size: S/M – M/L; head circumference: 54/56 - 56/58cm. Neck warmer size: S/M – M/L; circumference: 60-63cm; height: 34-36cm

## ALTERNATIVE YARN

DROPS FABEL from Garnstudio.com

## TENSION SQUARE

★ 11 sts x 6 rows
★ 10cm x 10 cm
★ Trebles
★ 7mm hook

★ 1 tr group + 1 ch x 6 rounds
★ 3.5cm x 10cm
★ Treble group pattern
★ 7mm hook

**NOTE:** For pattern, see diagrams A.1 and A.2

## HAT

**NOTE:** the piece is worked top down in the round

Using a 7mm hook, beg with one thread Big Delight or two threads Fabel work patt according to diagram A.1a, then work A.1b four times on round, finish with A.1c. REMEMBER THE CROCHET TENSION! When entire diagram has been worked vertically, piece meas approx. 13cm from the top down

☐ Cont by rep the two last rnds in diagram until piece meas 20cm – adjust to finish after last rnd in diagram

**NOTE:** beg every rnd with dc with 1 ch and finish with 1 sl st in first ch at beg of rnd

**NOTE:** beg every rnd with tr with 3 ch and finish with 1 sl st in third ch at beg of rnd

☐ Work an edge in dc as folls (note colour tip in Panel): work 1 dc in every tr and 1 dc around every ch = 81 sts (incl 1 ch at beg of rnd)

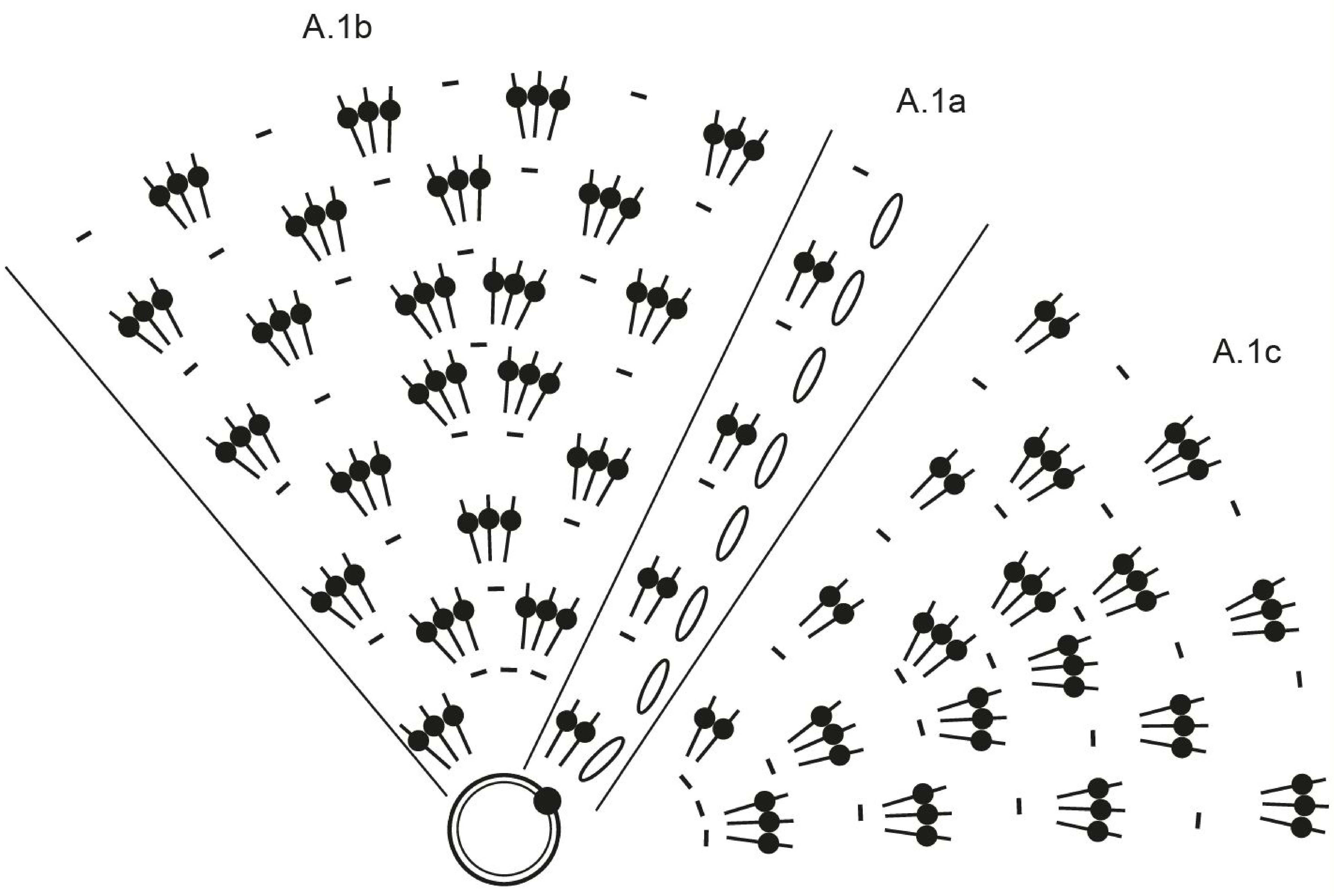
**NOTE:** dec 1 dc as folls: work 1 dc but wait with last pull through (= 2 sts on hook), then work next dc but on last pull through, pull yarn through all sts on hook = 1 dc dec

**NOTE:** to calculate how often dec should be done (and to ensure it is evenly spaced), use the total no of sts on rnd (= 81 dc) and divide these sts by no of dec to be done (e.g. 27 dc) = 3. i.e. in this example work approx. every 2nd and 3rd dc tog

☐ On next rnd, dec 27-25 sts evenly = 54-56 dc

☐ Cont in the rnd with 1 dc in every dc until piece meas 24-25cm in total

Fasten off



**DIAGRAMS KEY**

○ = work 5 ch and form a ring with 1 sl st. Black dot is beg of round.

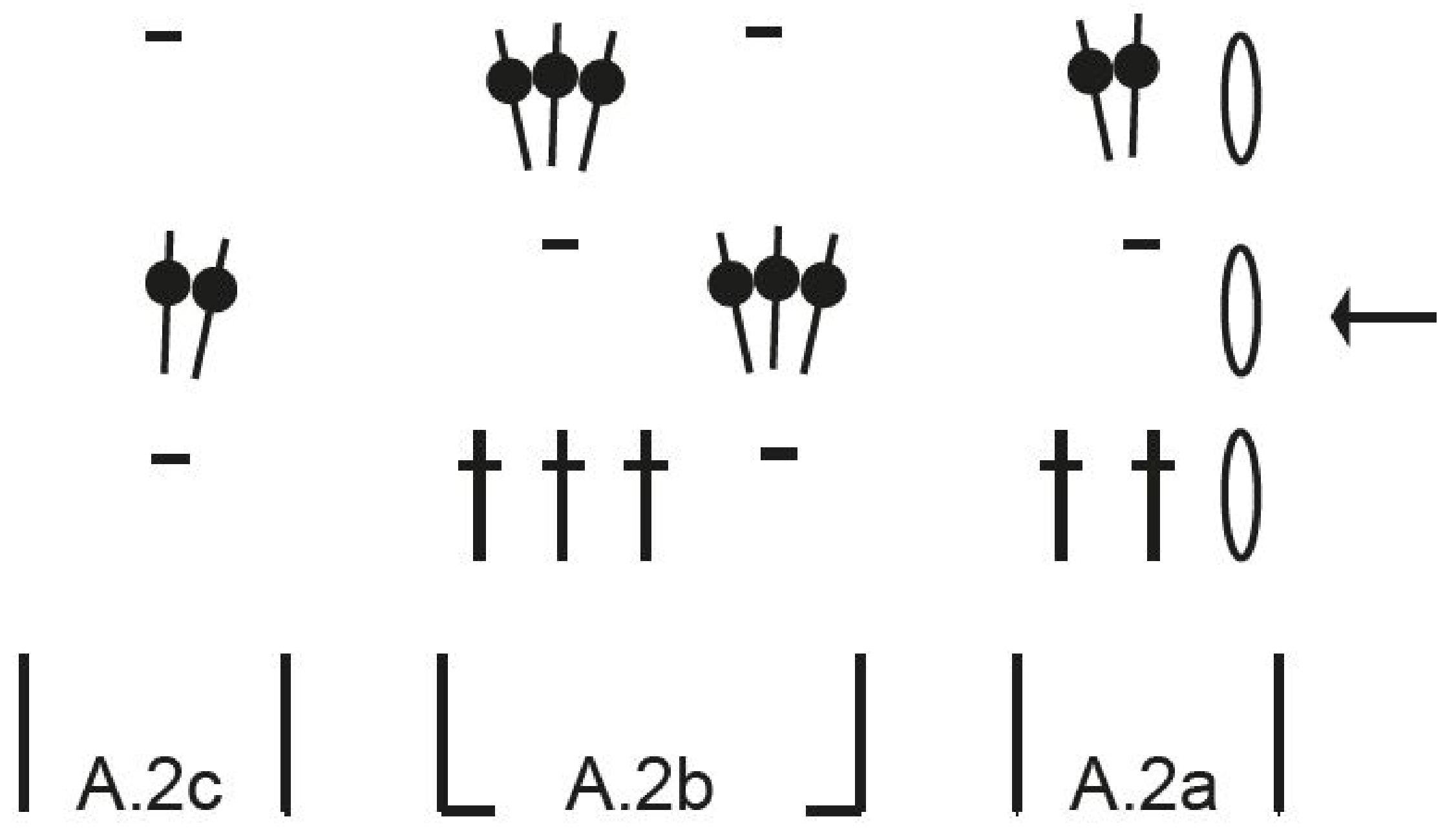
⫯ = 1 tr around ch/ch-ring

† = 1 tr in ch

0 = 3 ch at beg of round. Finish round with 1 sl st in 3rd ch at beg of round.

- = 1 ch

← = beg here



## NECK WARMER

**NOTE:** Work in the rnd, bottom up

Using 7mm hook, work 85-90 ch with one thread Big Delight or two threads Fabel and form a ring with 1 sl st in first ch

**NOTE:** beg every rnd with dc with 1 ch and finish with 1 sl st in first ch at beg of rnd

**NOTE:** beg every rnd with tr with 3 ch and finish with 1 sl st in third ch at beg of rnd

☐ Rnd 1: Work 3 ch, work 1 tr in each of the next 2 ch, * work 1 ch, skip 2 ch, work 1 tr in each of the next 3 ch *, rep from *-* the entire rnd until 2 ch remain, work 1 ch and finish with 1 sl st in 3rd ch at beg of rnd = 68-72 sts

☐ Now work patt, beg on rnd with arrow in diagram as folls: work A.2a, A.2b 16-17 times on rnd, A.2c. REMEMBER THE CROCHET TENSION!

☐ Rep 2nd and 3rd rnd in diagram A.2a to A.2c until piece meas 34-36cm – adjust to finish after a rnd that is 3rd rnd in diagram

Now work an edge as folls:

☐ Work 5 ch, 1 dc in next ch, * 3 ch, 1 dc in next ch *, rep from *-* the entire rnd and finish with 1 sl st in 1 ch at beg of rnd. Fasten off

☐ Work 1 edge along ch-row worked at beg of piece as folls: work 1 dc around a ch-space with 2 ch, 4 ch * work 1 dc around next ch-space, 4 ch *, rep from *-* the entire rnd and finish with 1 sl st in first dc on rnd. Fasten off

### TOP TIPS

★ For a richer colour spectre with Big Delight yarn, work every other round with strand from inside and outside of ball

★ When using two threads DROPS Fabel, try to start the skeins with the same colour repeat

★ You can find video tutorials and tips for this pattern 172-7 at garnstudio.com, including info on how to read a crochet diagram

DESIGNER **LILY SUGAR'N CREAM**

# Bib & bootees set

Use two colours of easy-care cotton yarn and nifty long double trebles to create this fetching bib and matching bootees

## KIT LIST

- Yarn: Lily® Sugar'n Cream Solids, shades (A) 01004 Soft Ecru, (B) Seabreeze, two 70.9g balls of each, available from **creativecraftingworld.co.uk**
- 4mm hook
- Button
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Size: 0-6 months

## TENSION SQUARE

- 14 sts x 10 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Half trebles
- 4mm hook

## IN STITCHES

**Long dtr:** (yoh) twice and draw up a loop in missed ch of foundation ch or next missed st two rows below in front of work. (Yoh and draw through two loops on hook) three times

**Htr2tog:** yoh and draw up a loop in next st, draw up a loop in next st, yoh and draw through all loops on hook

**Crab stitch:** * insert hook into next stitch to the right from front to back, with hook facing downwards. Pull working yarn back through stitch (two loops on hook). Wrap yarn around hook and pull through both loops on hook. One crab stitch made

## BIB

**NOTE:** ch sps counted as sts

Using 4mm hook and yarn A make 21ch

☐ Row 1 (RS): 1htr in third ch from hook, 2htr, (1ch, miss next ch, 3htr) to end, turn. 19 sts

☐ Row 2: 2ch (does not count as st throughout), 2htr in first st, 1htr in each st or ch sp to last st, 2htr in last st, change to yarn B, turn. 21 sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 4dc, * long dtr, miss next st (behind long dtr), 3dc, rep from * to last st, 1dc, turn

☐ Row 4: 1ch, 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, change to yarn A, turn. 23 sts

☐ Row 5: 2ch, 1htr in first st, (1ch, miss next st, 3htr) to last two sts, 1ch, miss next st, 1 htr in last st, turn

☐ Row 6: 2ch, 2htr in first st, 1htr in each st or ch sp to last st, 2htr in last st, change to yarn B, turn

☐ Row 7: 1ch, 2dc, * long dtr, miss next st (behind long dtr), 3dc, rep from * to last three sts, long dtr, miss next st (behind long dtr), 2dc, turn

☐ Row 8: 1ch (does not count as st), 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in last st, change to yarn A, turn. 27 sts

Cont in colour patt as set by

☐ Rows 1-8 without shaping for 12 more rows

### Shape neck

**NOTE:** or a smoother colour change, pick up the next yarn in the final movement of the last st and before turning

Change to yarn A

☐ Row 1 (RS): 2ch, patt six sts, htr2tog, turn. Seven sts

Leave rem sts unworked

☐ Row 2: 2ch, htr2tog, patt to end of row, change to yarn B, 1ch, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 3: 2ch, patt to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. Five sts

Work six rows in patt without shaping

☐ Next row (WS): 2ch, 2htr in first st, patt to last two sts, htr2tog, change to yarn B, turn

☐ Next row: 1ch, dc2tog, patt to last st, 2dc in last st, turn

☐ Next row: 1ch, 2dc in first st, patt to last two sts, dc2tog, change to yarn A, turn

☐ Next row: 2ch, htr2tog, patt to last st, 2htr in last st, turn

☐ Next row: 2ch, 2htr in first st, patt to last two sts, htr2tog

Fasten off

With RS facing, miss next 11 sts, join in yarn A with a sl st to next st, 2ch, htr2tog over this st and next st, patt to end of row, turn

Work this side to correspond to first side, reversing all shapings

### Edging

Join in yarn B with a sl st to top left corner of neck edge, 1ch, 1dc in same sp as last sl st, work one row of dc evenly around all edges, join with a sl st to first dc

☐ Next rnd: working around outer edge only, 1ch, (working from left to right, instead of from right to left as usual) 1 crab st in each dc to opposite side

Fasten off

Using yarn B make button loop at centre back on left side. Sew button in position

## BOOTEES (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and yarn B make 28ch

☐ Row 1 (RS): 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, change to yarn A, turn. 27 sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 2ch (does not count as st throughout), 1htr, (1ch, miss next st, 3htr) to last two sts, 1ch, miss next st, 1htr, turn

☐ Row 4: 2ch, 1htr in first st, 1htr in each st or ch sp to end of row, change to yarn B, turn

☐ Row 5: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc, * long dtr, miss next st (behind long dtr), 3dc, rep from * to last two sts, long dtr, miss next st (behind long dtr), 1dc in last st, turn

☐ Row 6: 1ch, (4dc, dc2tog) to last three sts, 3dc, turn. 23 sts

☐ Row 7 (eyelet row): 1ch, (2dc, 1ch, miss next st) to last two sts, 2dc, turn

☐ Row 8: 1ch, 1dc in each st or ch sp to end

Fasten off

### Instep

☐ Row 1: with RS of work facing miss first seven sts, join yarn B with a sl st to next st, 1ch, 1 dc in same sp, 8dc, turn. Nine sts

☐ Row 2: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 4: as Row 2

☐ Row 5: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog. Seven sts

Fasten off

Sew centre back seam

☐ Next rnd: with RS of work facing change to yarn B with a sl st at centre back seam, 1ch, 7dc, work 5dc down side of instep, 3dc in corner dc, 5dc across end of instep, 3dc in corner dc, 5dc along other side of instep, 7dc, join with sl st to first st. 35 sts

☐ Next rnd: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Join in yarn A with a sl st to first st

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☐ Next rnd: 1ch, working in BLO, work 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st

☐ Next rnd: 1ch, dc2tog, 13dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 13dc, dc2tog, join with a sl st to first st. 31 sts

☐ Next rnd: 1ch, dc2tog, 11dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 11dc, dc2tog, join with a sl st to first st. 27 sts

☐ Next rnd: 1ch, dc2tog, 9dc, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 9dc, dc2tog, join with a sl st to first st. 23 sts

Fasten off

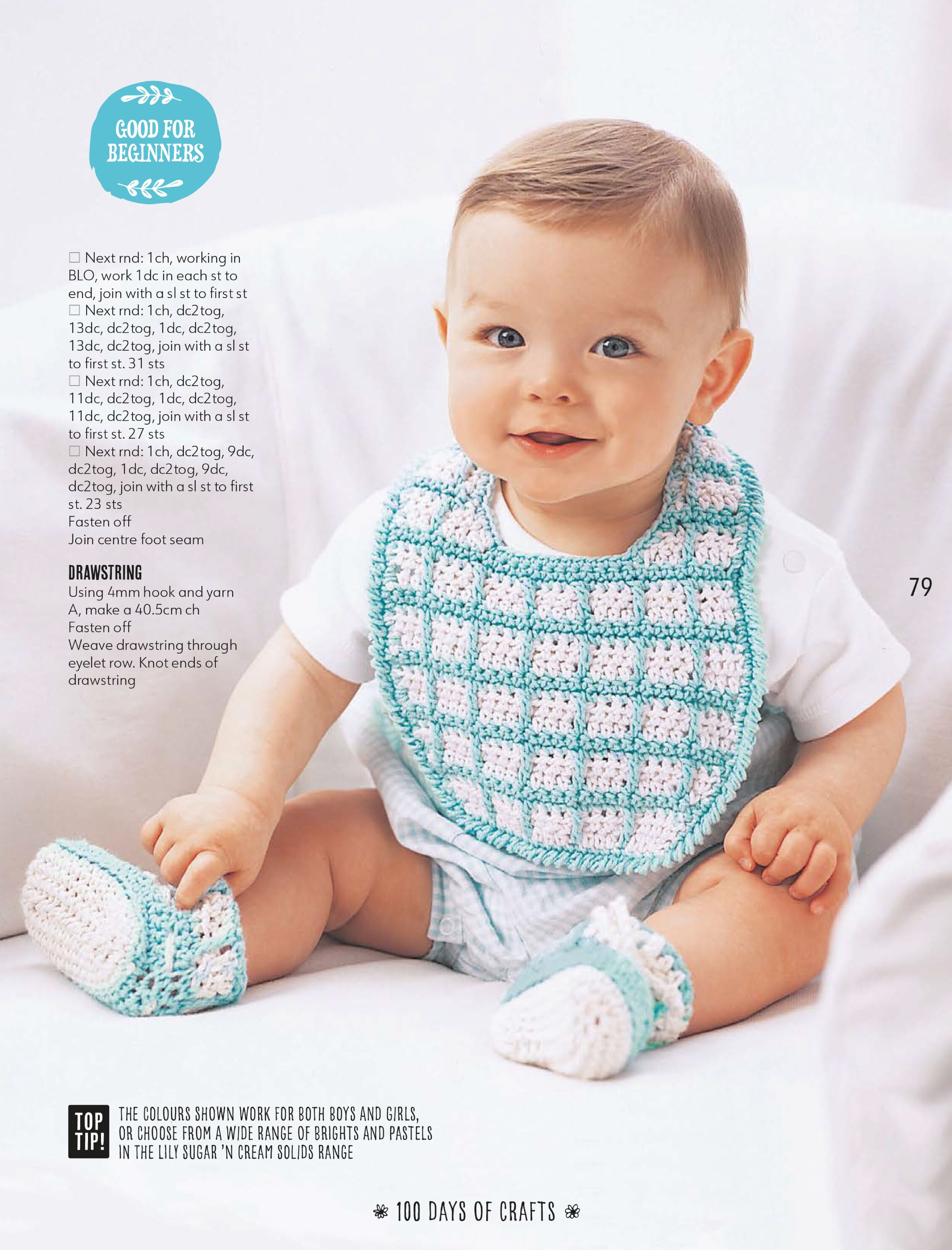
Join centre foot seam

### DRAWSTRING

Using 4mm hook and yarn A, make a 40.5cm ch

Fasten off

Weave drawstring through eyelet row. Knot ends of drawstring



**TOP TIP!** THE COLOURS SHOWN WORK FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, OR CHOOSE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF BRIGHTS AND PASTELS IN THE LILY SUGAR 'N CREAM SOLIDS RANGE

DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

# Woolly succulents

Sure to brighten any windowsill or shelf, you don't need to be green fingered to grow these beauties!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Lemon Yellow, Blue Twist, Sweet Coral, Fresh Mint, Pretty Violet ★ 3mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ Dried peas/beans ★ Pair of tights (optional) ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Yellow cactus: 20cm tall.
Curly cactus: 15cm tall

## YELLOW CACTUS

### PLANT BODY

Using 3mm hook and Lemon Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 12-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 15: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

## WEIGHTY ISSUES

Create a weighted base for by adding some fish tank gravel, plastic pellets or dried peas / beans into a section of tights and placing in the bottom of the plant pot

☐ Rnds 16-17: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Light Mocha

☐ Rnds 18-19: rep Rnds 4-5. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 20: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off

### LARGE ARM BASE

Using 3mm hook and Lemon Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Plant Body. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 8-10: rep Rnds 15-17 of Plant Body. 16 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SMALL ARM (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Lemon Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Plant Body. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FLOWER (MAKE 2)

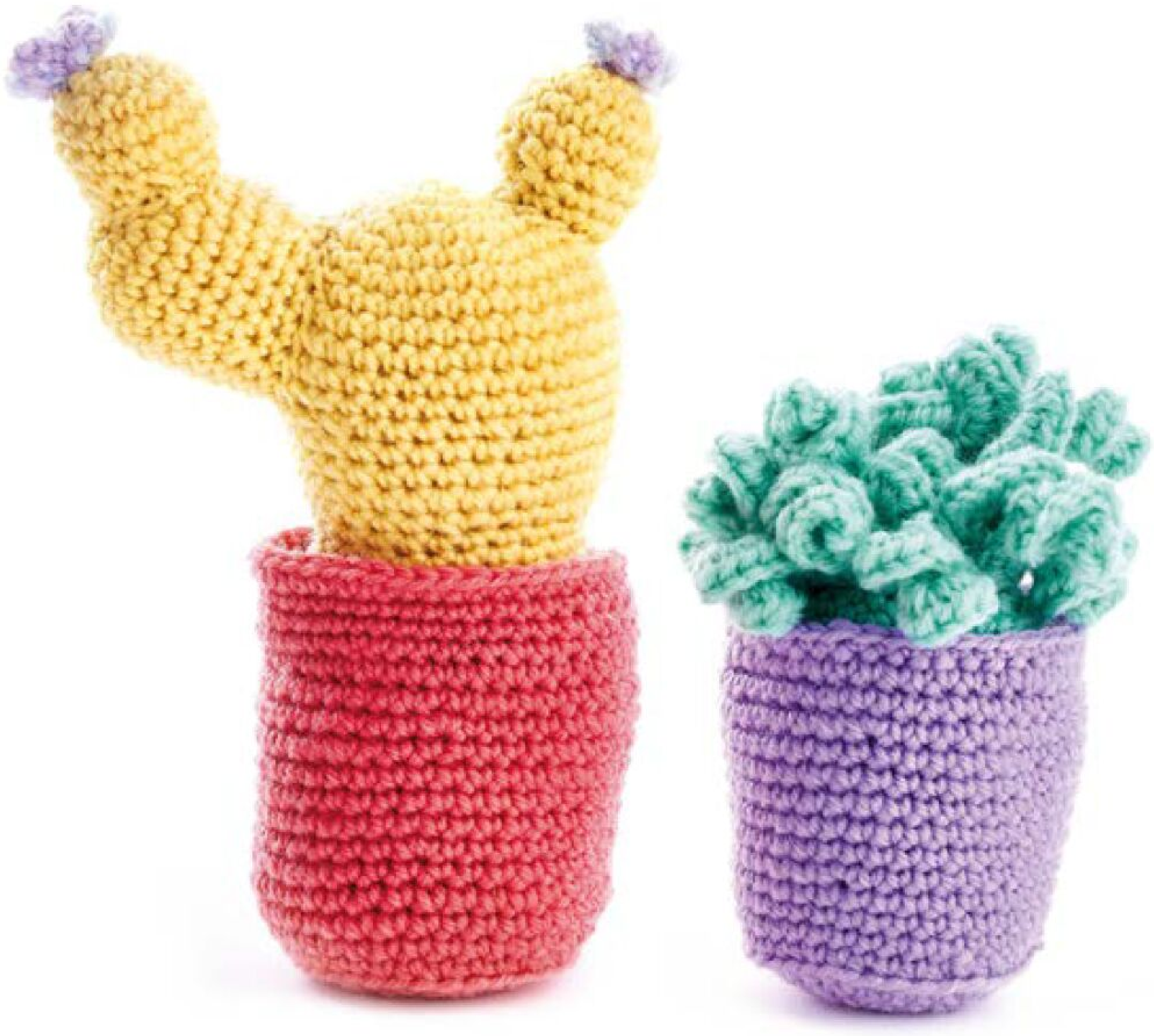
Using 3mm hook and Blue Twist make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: (4ch, sl st in next st) six times, join with a sl st to first st. Six petals made

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### PLANT POT

Using 3mm hook and Sweet



Coral make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of Plant Body. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: working in back loops only, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 39 sts

☐ Rnds 12-15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 16: (12dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** next rnds join cactus to Plant Pot, add your weight and stuff before joining

☐ Rnd 18: working in front loops only of Rnd 17 and back loops only of final rnd of Plant Body, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 19-20: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## CURLY CACTUS

### PLANT BODY

Using 3mm hook and Fresh Mint make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: working in front loops only, (one sl st in next st, 15ch, starting in third ch from hook, [3htr in next st] eight times, 1dc in each ch to end, one sl st in next st) to end. Six curls made

☐ Rnd 3: working in back loops only one sl st in next st, 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: rep Rnd 2. 12 curls made

☐ Rnd 5: working in back loops only one sl st in next st, (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

Change to Light Mocha

☐ Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Fasten off

### PLANT POT

Using 3mm hook and Pretty Violet make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

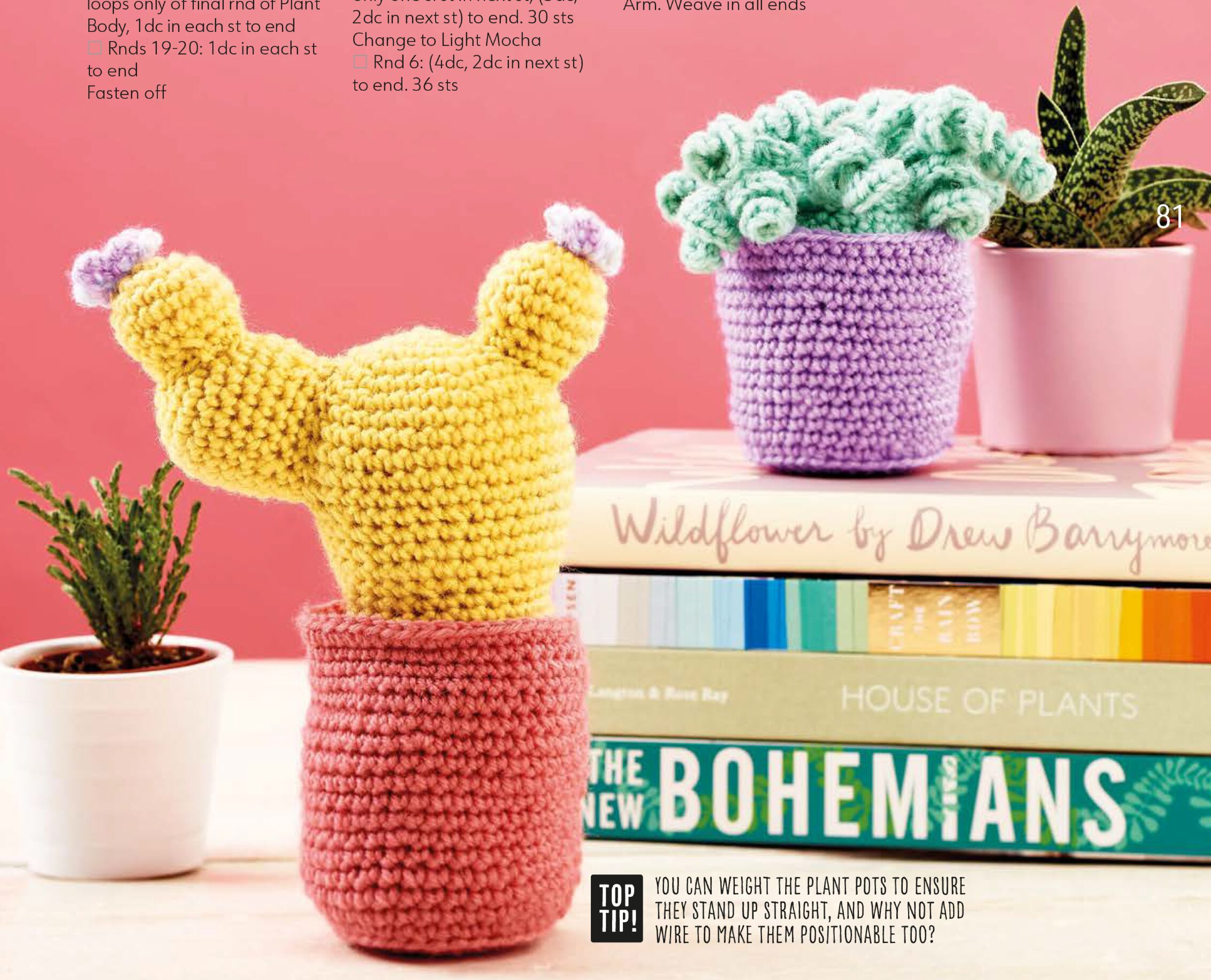
☐ Rnds 1-18: rep Rnds 1-18 of Yellow Cactus Plant Pot. 42 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff each section of Yellow Cactus. Sew Large Arm Base to Yellow Cactus Plant Body and sew one Small Arm on top. Sew one Small Arm to other side of Yellow Cactus. Sew a Flower to top of each Arm. Weave in all ends

**GREAT FOR GIFTING**



**TOP TIP!** YOU CAN WEIGHT THE PLANT POTS TO ENSURE THEY STAND UP STRAIGHT, AND WHY NOT ADD WIRE TO MAKE THEM POSITIONABLE TOO?

DESIGNER **JACKIE CARREIRA**

# Lap blanket

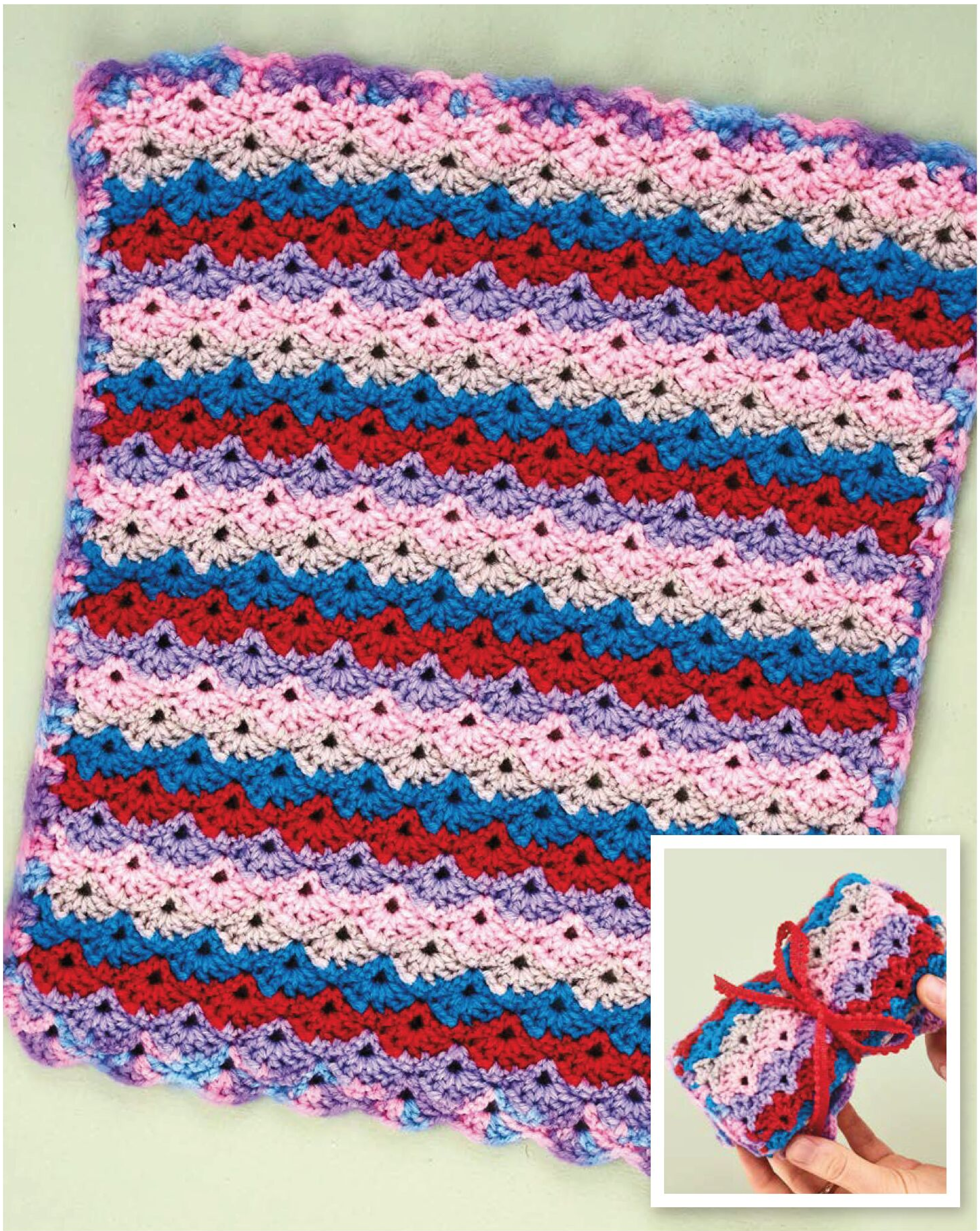
MINDFUL MAKE

## Learn cornflower stitch and make a cosy gift to pop on a loved one's knees to keep them warm

### KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Tulle Pink, Soft Grey, Plush Blue, Bold Burgundy, Sweet Lilac, Ombré ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Size: 30cm x 37cm



Using 3.5mm hook and Ombré make 92ch

☐ Row 1 (RS): starting in sixth ch from hook, ([1tr, 1ch, 1tr] in next ch, 1ch, 1tr in next ch, 1ch, [1tr, 1ch, 1tr] in next ch, miss next 3ch, 1dc in next ch, miss next 3ch) to end, working last 1dc in last ch, turn

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Tulle Pink, Soft Grey, Plush Blue, Bold Burgundy, Sweet Lilac

☐ Row 2: 4ch, 1tr in first dc, (1ch, miss [1tr, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 1, 1dc in next 1ch sp, 1dc in next tr, 1dc in next 1ch sp, 1ch, miss [1tr, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 1, [1tr, 3ch, 1tr] in next dc) to end, finishing with (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in 1ch, turn

☐ Row 3: 4ch, miss first tr, (1tr, 1ch, 1tr) in first 1ch sp, (miss [1tr, 1ch, 1dc] from Row 2, 1dc in next dc, miss [1dc, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 2, 1tr in next 3ch sp, [1ch, 1tr] four times in same 3ch sp) to end finishing 1tr under 4ch from Row 2, (1ch, 1tr) twice in same place, turn

☐ Row 4: 1ch, miss first tr, 1dc in next 1ch sp, (1ch, miss [1tr, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 3, [1tr, 3ch, 1tr] in next dc, 1ch, miss [1tr, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 3, 1dc in next 1ch sp, 1dc in next tr, 1dc in next 1ch sp) to end finishing 1dc under 4ch from Row 3, 1dc in third st of 4ch, turn

☐ Row 5: 1ch, miss first dc, (miss [1dc, 1ch, 1tr] from Row 4, 1tr in next 3ch sp, [1ch, 1tr] four times in same 3ch sp, miss [1tr, 1ch, 1dc] from Row 4, 1dc in next dc) to end working last dc in 1ch, turn

☐ Rows 6-53: rep Rows 2-5 12 times, working last two rows in Ombré

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

With RS facing, attach Ombré to bottom-left st of Blanket, work one row of dc evenly along this side, leaving last two rows (last Ombré rows at top) unworked. Cut yarn. With RS facing, attach Ombré to st opposite and work one row of dc evenly down other side. Fasten off. Weave in all ends

# 9 REASONS...

## your loved ones want a handmade gift this Christmas

**Picture the scene:** it's Christmas Eve and your perfectly decorated Christmas tree is twinkling in the darkness. A pile of exquisitely wrapped squishy parcels sit beneath it, just waiting to be opened. Your hours of crafting have paid off and the gifting will soon commence! Here are nine reasons the special people in your life definitely want to receive a handmade gift this year.

### FEEL THE LOVE

Anyone can go into a shop and grab something off a shelf. But you're a talented crafter and handmade gifts are not only a great opportunity to demonstrate your fantastic skills, but also to show your affection for the favourites in your life. A knitted or crocheted present shows you've taken the time to create something special for your closest friends and family – now that's love!

### ONE OF A KIND

A handmade gift is completely unique. No two knitted or crocheted items are totally identical so your recipients can be safe in the knowledge that their crafty present is unlike anything else they will receive. They definitely won't find anything as wonderful in the shops and will love that smug reply ("My friend crocheted it for me!") when someone asks, "Ooh where did you get that?"

### WHAT FUN!

Us crafters know that the process of creating is often more fun than the finished item itself. Think of the hours of enjoyment you'll have with your hook and needles taking on exciting new projects. It's a great time to try out new skills and patterns and give yourself a challenge while having the time of your life!

### AVOID THE SHOPS

Does anyone really enjoy fighting their way through busy crowds in hot stores to buy mediocre gifts? We think not. It's clearly better to stay home with a pile of yarn, a stack of our fab patterns, a cuppa and pack of festive biscuits! Working your way through your gifting list has never been quite so hygge.

### IT'S WINTER

Let's be honest, yarn and winter go together perfectly like turkey and cranberry. This cold time of year is ideal for crafting cosy items like scarves, gloves and hats or for creating festive Christmas decorations for your loved ones to use every year.

### STASHBUSTING

Hand making your Christmas gifts is the ideal opportunity to go through your stash and use up those odds and ends of yarn, cute embellishments or those gorgeous buttons you picked up at a craft shop but haven't yet used – get rummaging!

### BUDGET BUSTING!

If you're trying to keep costs down during the expensive festive period then hand making your gifts could be the answer. Hunt in charity shops and craft fairs for cheap yarn, material or accessories so that you can smash your gift giving without smashing your budget.

### THIS IS PERSONAL

It's easy to personalise a handmade gift. Receiving a present with your name or initial on it makes it significantly more special – especially if your name is uncommon. Other ways you can personalise projects are by using the recipient's favourite colours – they'll adore this extra special touch!

### A FOREVER TREASURE

When you make someone a gift, they will cherish and keep it forever. What's more, it will always remind them of you! A handmade item is so much more special than something bought over the counter so you are giving your loved one something that will stay with them for a lifetime.

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DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

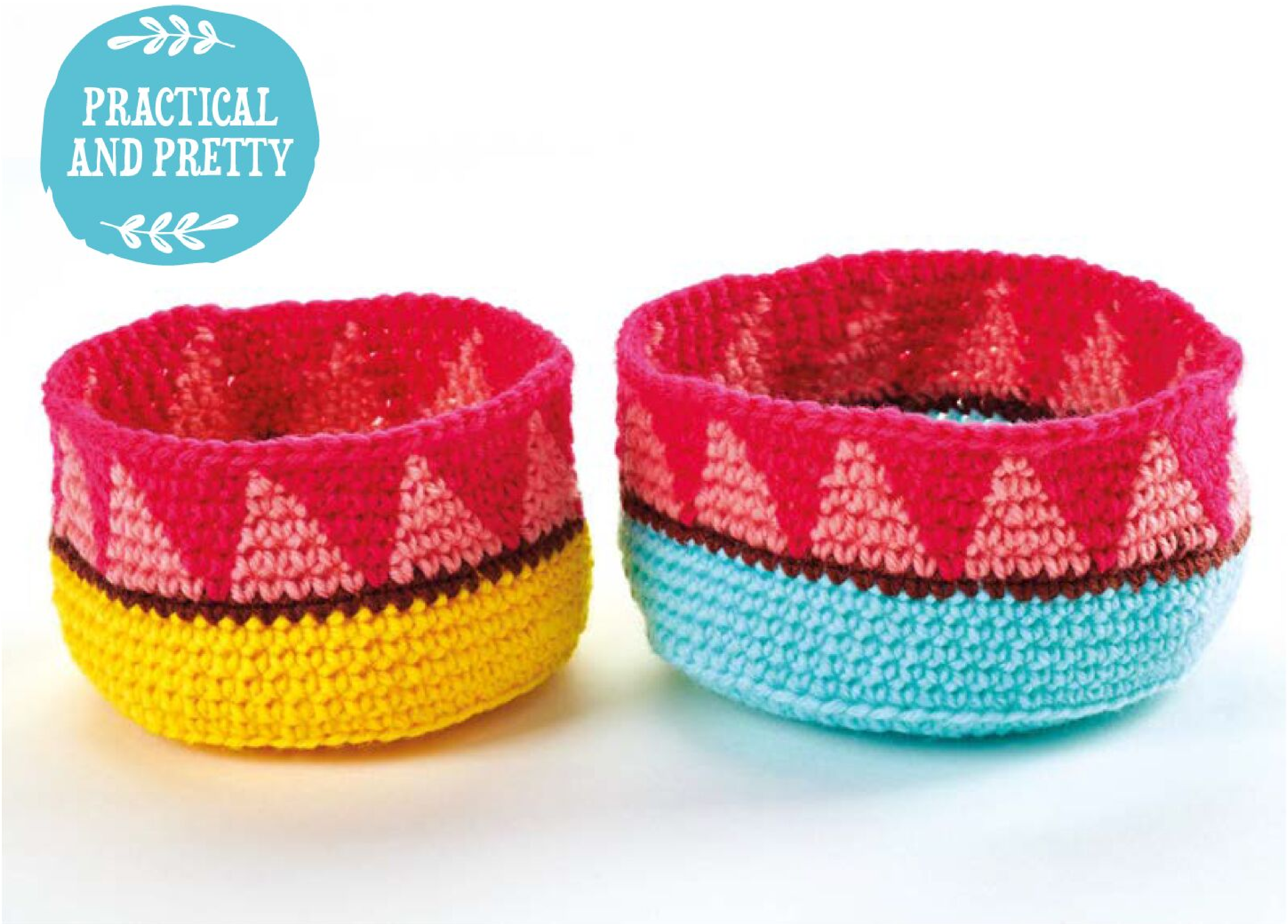
# Geo baskets

These storage tubs are just the thing if you're wanting to get organised or are looking for a stylish hamper to present gifts in

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Light Blue, Lovely Coral, Vibrant Cerise, Golden Yellow, Dark Brown ★ 4mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Small: 6cm high x 10cm diameter. Large: 6cm high x 12cm



PRACTICAL AND PRETTY

## LARGE BOWL

Using 4mm hook and Light Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnd 8: 3dc, 2dc in next st, (7dc, 2dc in next st) to last four sts, 1dc in each st to end. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 9: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 10: 4dc, 2dc in next st, (9dc, 2dc in next st) to last five sts, 1dc in each st to end. 66 sts

☐ Rnd 11: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 72 sts

☐ Rnd 12: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 13-16: 1dc in each st to end

## CHANGING COLOUR (CC)

In this pattern you'll see the abbreviation 'cc', which means to change colour. When changing, pull the new colour through the last two loops of the previous stitch to complete that stitch. Continue in the new colour, following the pattern. When changing to and from a colour, carry the unused yarn along the wrong side of the work loosely so the work doesn't gather. Crochet over the unused yarn as they are carried along; this will hide the strands of yarn invisibly and eliminate long, unused strands carried across the back of the work

Change to Dark Brown

☐ Rnd 17: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Lovely Coral

☐ Rnd 18: (5dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise [see Panel], 1dc, cc to Lovely Coral) to end, but do not cc on last st

☐ Rnd 19: 1dc, (cc to Lovely Coral, 4dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 2dc) to last five sts, cc to Lovely Coral, 4dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 1dc

☐ Rnd 20: 2dc, (cc to Lovely Coral, 3dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 3dc) to last four sts, cc to Lovely Coral, 3dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 1dc

☐ Rnd 21: 3dc, (cc to Lovely Coral, 2dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 4dc) to last three sts, cc to Lovely Coral, 2dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 1dc

☐ Rnd 22: 4dc, (cc to Lovely Coral, 1dc, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 5dc) to last two sts, cc to Lovely Coral, 1dc, fasten off Lovely Coral, cc to Vibrant Cerise, 1dc

☐ Rnd 23: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## SMALL BOWL

Using 4mm hook and Golden Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-9: rep Rnds 1-9 of Large Bowl. 60 sts

☐ Rnds 10-21: rep Rnds 12-23 of Large Bowl

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends

**TOP TIP!** FOLLOW THE CHANGING COLOUR METHOD DESCRIBED TO CREATE THE STRIKING TRIANGLES, OR IF YOU'D PREFER TO SIMPLIFY THE BASKET PATTERN, IT'S AN EASY FIX – JUST IGNORE THE COLOUR CHANGES AND YOU'LL STILL ACHIEVE A FANTASTIC END RESULT

Handy all over the house!

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

# Mock macramé make

Present a potted plant in this yarntastic holder, inspired by everyone's favourite craft

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Radiant Blue, Bright Fuchsia, Bold Orange, Vivid Purple ★ 4.5mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors ★ 11cm square of stiff card ★ Two 12.5cm diameter wooden hoops

Fits: plant pot up to 12cm diameter

## HOOP HOOP HOORAY

The shape is created by crocheting around two wooden hoops; have a practice first to be sure you've got the knack... to attach the yarn to the hoop, put the hook through the hoop and hook the yarn through from back to front. Work each dc by first inserting the hook into the hoop and wrapping the yarn around it to create the loop

## POT

Using 4.5mm hook and Radiant Blue make 4ch

**NOTE:** first 3ch counts as 1tr throughout

☐ Rnd 1: 7tr in fourth ch from hook, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. Eight sts

Change to Vivid Purple

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in next st, (1tr, 2tr in next st) three times, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 sts

Change to Bright Fuchsia

☐ Rnd 3: 3ch, 1tr in same st, (2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 2tr clusters

Fasten off

Join Bold Orange to any sp between 2tr clusters

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 12 sts and 12 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Radiant Blue to any 3ch-sp

☐ Rnd 5: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 3tr clusters

Fasten off

Join Vivid Purple to any sp between 3tr clusters

☐ Rnd 6: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 4ch, (1dc in next sp, 4ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 12 sts, 12 4ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any 4ch-sp

☐ Rnd 7: 3ch, 3tr in same sp, (4tr in next 4ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 12 4tr clusters

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Radiant Blue, Bold Orange, Vivid Purple, Bright Fuchsia, Radiant Blue

☐ Rnd 8: 3ch, 6tr, 2tr in next st, (7tr, 2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 54 sts

☐ Rnd 9: 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch

**NOTE:** work next rnd over first hoop enclosing hoop within sts

☐ Rnd 10: 1ch, working around first hoop, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st

☐ Rnd 11: 3ch, 7tr, 2tr in next st, (8tr, 2tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 3ch, 2tr in same st, (miss two sts, 3tr in next st) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters

Fasten off

Join Bold Orange to any sp between 3tr clusters

☐ Rnd 13: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp between 3tr clusters, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Vivid Purple to any 3ch-sp

☐ Rnd 14: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters

Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any sp between 3tr clusters

☐ Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp between 3tr clusters, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bold Orange to any 3ch-sp

☐ Rnd 16: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters

Fasten off

Join Radiant Blue to any sp between 3tr clusters

☐ Rnd 17: 1ch, 1dc in same sp, 3ch, (1dc in next sp, 3ch) to end, join with a sl st to top of first st. 20 sts and 20 3ch-sps

Fasten off

Join Bright Fuchsia to any 3ch-sp

☐ Rnd 18: 3ch, 2tr in same 3ch-sp, (3tr in next 3ch-sp) to end, join with a sl st to top of first 3ch. 20 3tr clusters

Change to Vivid Purple

**NOTE:** work next rnd over second hoop enclosing hoop in sts

☐ Rnd 19: 1ch, working around second hoop, 1dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to top of first st

Fasten off

Weave in all ends

## TASSEL

Holding Bright Fuchsia, Vivid Purple and Radiant Blue tog wrap yarn ten times around square of card. Thread a 10cm length of Radiant Blue onto tapestry needle, pass under wraps at top of card and tie a knot to secure strands. Cut through bottom of wraps and remove from card. Wrap a 20cm length of Bold Orange around Tassel approx 2cm from top and tie in a knot. Thread ends through top of Tassel to hide them. Trim Tassel and sew to bottom of Plant Hanger

## HANGING CHAINS

Using 4.5mm hook join Bold Orange to any st at top of Pot

* 1ch, 1dc in same st, 60ch

Fasten off *

Miss 20 sts, join Radiant Blue and rep from * to *

Miss 20 sts, join Bright Fuchsia and rep from * to *

Knot lengths of chain tog at top

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

**TOP TIP!** SELECT THE YARN COLOURS BASED ON WHAT WILL SUIT YOUR RECIPIENT'S ROOM SCHEME

DESIGNER **CORINNE BRADD**

# Cosy socks

Treat their feet to a pair of these luxurious socks this Christmas – made in a super soft and hardwearing combo

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: 100g Rico Superba Merino Linen Silk 4ply 005 Berries ★ 3mm hook
★ Tapestry needle
★ Scissors

## SOLE (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook make 20ch

☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, join into a ring with a sl st. 20 sts

☐ Row 2: 2dc in next st, 8dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 8dc, 2dc in next st. 24 sts

☐ Row 3: 2dc in next st, 10dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 10dc, 2dc in next st. 28 sts

## TOP TIPS

★ These socks are designed to fit a wide size five foot. If you're making a larger size, add extra rows at Row 26, and for a wider foot size, add extra increases at Row 7

★ At the end of each round, slip stitch into the first stitch, then turn your work rather than working in the round – each row will start with 1ch to bring the yarn up to working height, this does not count as a stitch

★ Keep your tension in check, crochet does not give as much as knitting!

★ Rico's Superba Merino Linen Silk 4ply is designed especially for socks, and is made in a fine and breathable merino wool/silk/linen combo with polyamide added for durability

☐ Row 4: 2dc in next st, 12dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 12dc, 2dc in next st. 32 sts

☐ Row 5: 2dc in next st, 14dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 14dc, 2dc in next st. 36 sts

☐ Row 6: 2dc in next st, 16dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 16dc, 2dc in next st. 40 sts

☐ Row 7: 2dc in next st, 18dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 18dc, 2dc in next st. 44 sts

☐ Row 8: 2dc in next st, 21dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 46 sts

☐ Row 9: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rows 10-26: 1tr in each st to end

☐ Row 27: 2tr in next st, 22tr, 2tr in next st, 1tr in each st to end. 48 sts

☐ Rows 28-29: 1tr in each st to end

☐ Row 30: 2tr in next st, 23tr, 2tr in next st, 1tr in each st to end. 50 sts

☐ Rows 31-32: 1tr in each st to end

**Heel (Make 2)**

☐ Row 33: 25dc, turn. 25 sts

☐ Rows 34-46: miss one st, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Row 47: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rows 48-60: 1dc in each st to last st, 2dc in next st. 25 sts

**NOTE:** this completes the heel, to continue working the sock, fold the heel shape on itself, slip stitch back into the main part of the sock and treat the top row of the heel as a continuation of the rnd

☐ Rows 61-63: 1tr in each st to end. 50 sts

☐ Row 64: 1tr in next st, (miss a stitch, [2tr, 1ch, 2tr] in next st, miss a stitch, 2tr) to end. 70 sts

☐ Rows 65-87: 1tr into top of first tr, (miss two sts, [2tr,1 ch, 2tr] into ch sp, miss two sts, [1tr into top of next st] twice) to end

## TO MAKE UP

Fold toe of the sock in half and oversew with matching yarn. Bring the slanted sides of the heel together on both sides and oversew. Weave in all ends

GREAT FOR GIFTING

DESIGNER **LESLEY ARNOLD-HOPKINS**

# Party frock set

Little ladies will love this gorgeous crochet dress that comes with a matching headband

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Wendy Supreme Luxury Cotton DK, (A) shade 1941 Beet, 1 (2, 2, 2) 100g balls, (B) shade 1925 Raspberry, 1 (1, 1, 2) 100g balls, (C) shade 1926 Petal, 1 (1, 1, 1) 100g ball ★ Hook: 3.5mm, 4mm ★ Buttons: small, two ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

## TENSION SQUARE

★ 16sts x 23 rows
★ 10cm x 10cm
★ Half treble stitch
★ 4mm hook

## ALTERNATIVE YARN

★ Patons 100% Cotton DK

## SIZES

**Age (yrs):** 6-12 mths (2-3, 4-5, 6-7)
**Chest (cm):** 46 (54, 60, 64)

## IN STITCHES

**htr2tog:** (yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, draw yarn through st) twice [five loops on hook], yoh, draw through all five loops

## BACK

Using 4mm hook and yarn A make 55 (65, 71, 75) ch

☐ Foundation row (WS): starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 54 (64, 70, 74) sts

☐ Row 1: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in each st to end, turn

☐ Rows 2 and 3: as Row 1, turn

☐ Row 4: 2ch, htr2tog, 1htr in each st to last three sts, htr2tog, 1htr, turn

These four rows set patt

☐ Work in patt until 36 (42, 46, 50) sts rem AT THE SAME TIME after 18 (20, 23, 25) rows have been worked change to yarn B, after 36 (40, 46, 50) rows have been worked change to yarn C

☐ Work 4 (0, 2, 5) rows without shaping

### Shape armholes

Change to 3.5mm hook

☐ Next row: 1ch (does not count as a stitch), 1sl st in next 4 (5, 5, 6) sts, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each st to last 3 (4, 4, 5) sts, turn. 30 (34, 38, 40) sts

☐ Next row: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn

☐ Next row: 2ch, htr2tog, 1htr in each st to last three sts, htr2tog, 1htr, turn

☐ Rep last two rows 0 (0, 1, 1) times. 28 (32, 34, 36) sts **

☐ Work 8 (9, 9, 10) rows without shaping

### Shape right shoulder

☐ Next row: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 7 (8, 9, 10) sts, turn. 8 (9, 10, 11) sts

☐ Next row: 2ch, htr2tog, 1htr in each st to end, turn. 7 (8, 9, 10) sts

☐ Next row: 2ch, 1htr in each st to last three sts, htr2tog, 1htr, turn 6 (7, 8, 9) sts

### Third & fourth sizes only

☐ Next row: 2ch, htr2tog, 1htr in each st to end. 7 (8) sts

### All sizes

☐ Fasten off

☐ Rejoin yarn to 8th (9th, 10th, 11th) st from end of last row on full width of back and work left shoulder to match, reversing all shapings

## FRONT

☐ Work as for Back until **

☐ Work 5 (6, 6, 7) rows without shaping

### Shape left neck & shoulder

☐ Next row: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 7 (8, 9, 10) sts, turn. 8 (9, 10, 11) sts

☐ Next row: 2ch, htr2tog, 1htr in each st to end, turn. 7 (8, 9, 10) sts

☐ Next row: 1htr in each st to end, turn

☐ Rep last two rows 1 (1, 2, 2) times more. 6 (7, 7, 8) sts

☐ Work 1 (1, 0, 0) rows without shaping

☐ Fasten off

### Shape right neck & shoulder

☐ Rejoin yarn to 8th (9th, 10th, 11th) st from end of last row on full width of front and work neck and shoulder to match, reversing all shapings

## POCKET (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and yarn C make 8 (8, 12 12) ch

☐ Starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 7 (7, 10, 10) sts

☐ Next row: 2ch, 2htr in next st, 1htr in each st to last three sts, 2htr in next st, 1htr in last st. 9 (9, 12, 12) sts

☐ Rep last row once more. 11 (11, 14, 14) sts

☐ Work 5 (5, 7, 7) rows without shaping, turn

☐ Do not fasten off

### Edging

☐ Next row: 1ch (does not count as a st), * 1sl st in each of next two sts, 3ch, 1sl st in next st, rep from * to last two sts, 1sl st in each st to end

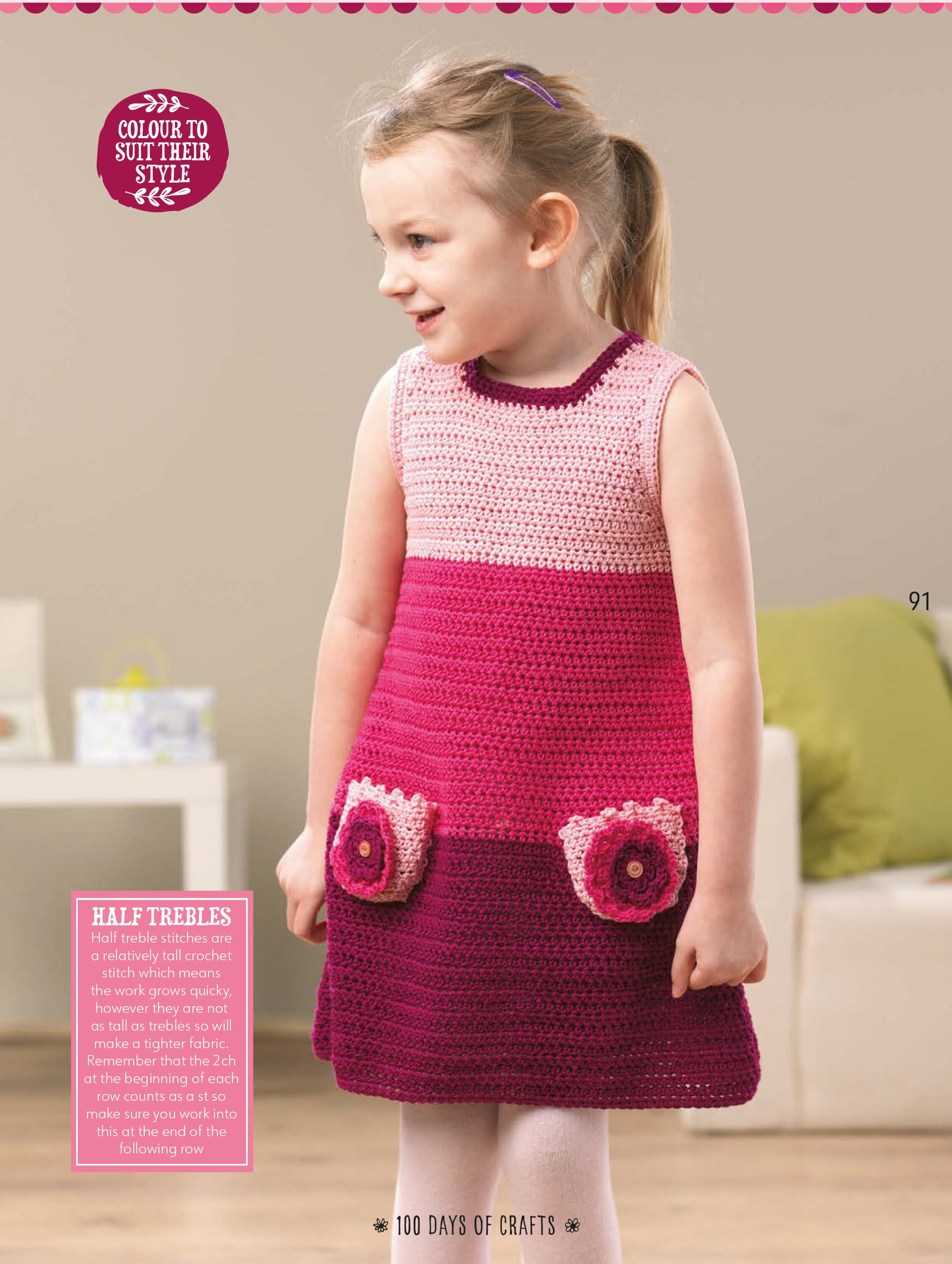
☐ Fasten off yarn

## SMALL FLOWER

### First & second sizes only

☐ Make two Small flowers in yarn B and two Small flower centres in yarn A

Using 4mm hook, make 4ch,



COLOUR TO SUIT THEIR STYLE

## HALF TREBLES

Half treble stitches are a relatively tall crochet stitch which means the work grows quicky, however they are not as tall as trebles so will make a tighter fabric. Remember that the 2ch at the beginning of each row counts as a st so make sure you work into this at the end of the following row

join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 2ch (counts as 1ch, 1dc), 11dc in ring, sl st in second of 2ch. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same st, 2tr in each st to end, sl st in third of 3ch. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 3: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. 12 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, * 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
Fasten off

## SMALL FLOWER CENTRE

**First & second sizes only**
☐ Make two Small flower centres in yarn A
Using 4mm hook, make 4ch, join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 2ch (counts as 1ch, 1dc), 11dc in ring, sl st in second of 2ch. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. Six 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, * 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
☐ Fasten off

## LARGE FLOWER

**Third & fourth sizes only**
☐ Make two Large flowers in yarn B
Using 4mm hook, make 4ch, join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 11tr in ring, sl st in third of 3ch. 12 tr
☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in same st, 2tr in each st to end, sl st in third of 3ch. 24 tr
☐ Rnd 3: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. 12 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, * 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
☐ Fasten off

## LARGE FLOWER CENTRE

**Third & fourth sizes only**
☐ Make two Large flower centres in yarn A
Using 4mm hook, make 4ch, join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 3ch, 11tr in ring, sl st in third of 3ch. 12 tr
☐ Rnd 2: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. Six 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, * work 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
☐ Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

**All sizes**
Block all pieces. Sew flowers on to pockets and use a small button to secure centres. Sew pockets on front of dress. Sew right shoulder seam

## NECKBAND

☐ Using 3.5mm, yarn A and with RS facing, starting at open shoulder, crochet around neckline working 3dc over every two row ends on neck edges and 1dc in each st on back and front necks, turn
☐ Next row: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each st to end, 3ch [this is the button loop], join to dc row using a sl st, turn
☐ Next row: 1ch, 4dc in button loop
☐ Fasten off
Sew button on back neck edge

## ARMBANDS (ALIKE)

☐ With RS facing and using 3.5mm hook and yarn C rejoin yarn at right armhole edge, 2ch (counts as 1ch, 1dc), 1dc in each of next 2 (3, 3, 4) sts, 3dc in each of two row ends around armhole, 1dc in each of last 3 (4, 4, 5) sts, turn
☐ Next row: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr in each st to end
☐ Fasten off
☐ Rep for left armhole, this will hold shoulder together
Sew up sides of dress. Weave in all ends

# HEADBAND

**NOTE:** this fabric is not very stretchy so make more ch to fit if necessary
Using 4mm hook and yarn A make 55 (59, 61, 67) ch
☐ Foundation row: starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 54 (58, 30, 66) sts
☐ Row 1: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in next st, * 1ch, miss next st, 1htr into next st, rep from * four times, 1htr in each st to end, turn
☐ Row 2: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end
Fasten off

## FLOWER

Using 4mm hook and yarn C make 4ch, join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 2ch (counts as 1ch, 1dc), 11dc in ring, sl st in second of 2ch. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in same st, 2tr in each st to end, sl st in third of 3ch. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 3: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. 12 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, * 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
Fasten off

## FLOWER CENTRE

Using 4mm hook and yarn B make 4ch, join in a ring using a sl st
☐ Rnd 1: 2ch (counts as 1ch, 1dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in second of 2ch. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: * 3ch, miss next st, sl st in next st, rep from * to end. Six 3-ch sps
☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, * 4dc in ch sp, sl st in sl st on prev rnd, rep from * to end
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends. Using small button to secure centre, sew flower onto headband. Sew medium button on to end of headband and use last eyelet to fasten

# AMIGURUMI MASTERCLASS

## Up your amigurumi game with our toymaking tips

**Amigurumi is the Japanese form of stitching a small soft toy with anthropomorphic features. The word comes from the Japanese words *ami*, meaning crocheted or knitted, and *nuigurumi*, which refers to a stuffed doll. Thanks to the internet, the craze has taken off worldwide, with a plethora of patterns to be found on websites such as Etsy and Ravelry by users of a variety of nationalities. Amigurumi toys are usually made up of spheres and tubes of various sizes, with the head or part with the face being much larger in proportion to the rest of the body and limbs. Most amigurumi toys are crocheted rather than knitted, as crochet is easier to work in the round.**

Get a koala-ty finish, mate!

Anything is paw-ssible in amigurumi

★ Acrylic yarn is an affordable option for making amigurumi toys or try a good quality cotton yarn.

★ It is better to start with too much stuffing rather than too little. You can always pull the surplus out, whilst having too little may leave unwanted lumps. Some crafters like to shape their stuffing to the desired shape before inserting it, but this is up to personal preference.

★ It can be difficult to get each limb stuffed the same, but stuffing each pair simultaneously can help. However, don't spend too much time worrying about it: an uneven arm just adds to a toy's cuteness!

★ Stuff your doll firmly as this will help it keep its shape. When working on small things like arms it's a good idea to stuff as you are going along, this keeps the working area open and makes it easier to see your stitches.

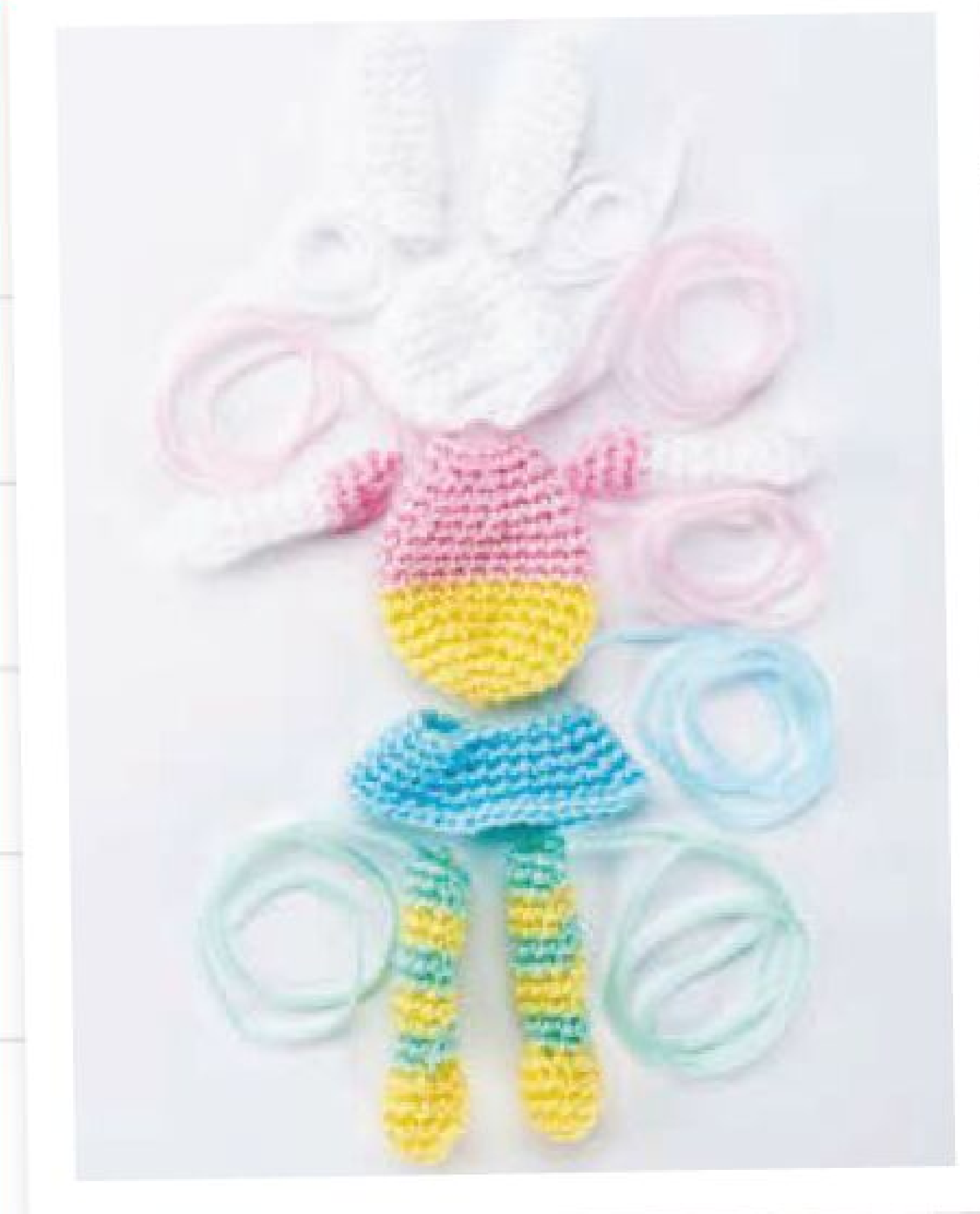
★ Use a pencil to help push the stuffing into any tricky corners.

★ If you are stitching a toy for a young child, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes. Likewise, if you would like to attach felt it is better to use a needle and thread to sew it on for a young baby, rather than using tacky glue. Just keep your felt pieces small and attach them to a flat part of the toy for easy stitching.

★ Amigurumi patterns are forgiving so if you are one or two stitches off your stitch count at the end of the round, it won't show that much when you've finished your doll. Plus, you can always correct your count on the next round.

★ Try to keep your stitches consistently neat and tight so you create a firm fabric that the stuffing won't show through.

★ Locking stitch markers will come in handy if you find keeping track of the number of stitches tricky.



## ATTACHING PARTS

Once you've made the individual parts of the toy, now comes the fun part: putting it all together! Either embroider eyes after stuffing or if inserting toy safety eyes, do so before sewing up.

1 Firmly stuff head and body. Pin pieces into place before sewing

2 Tuck one tail of yarn into the piece and thread the other onto a tapestry needle

3 Use this to sew the pieces together, inserting the needle under one stitch on the body and out of the stitch above on the head

4 Go back on yourself for one stitch to make a knot, bring the tail through the entire piece, pull tight and cut the thread. It will then spring back into the piece and be hidden

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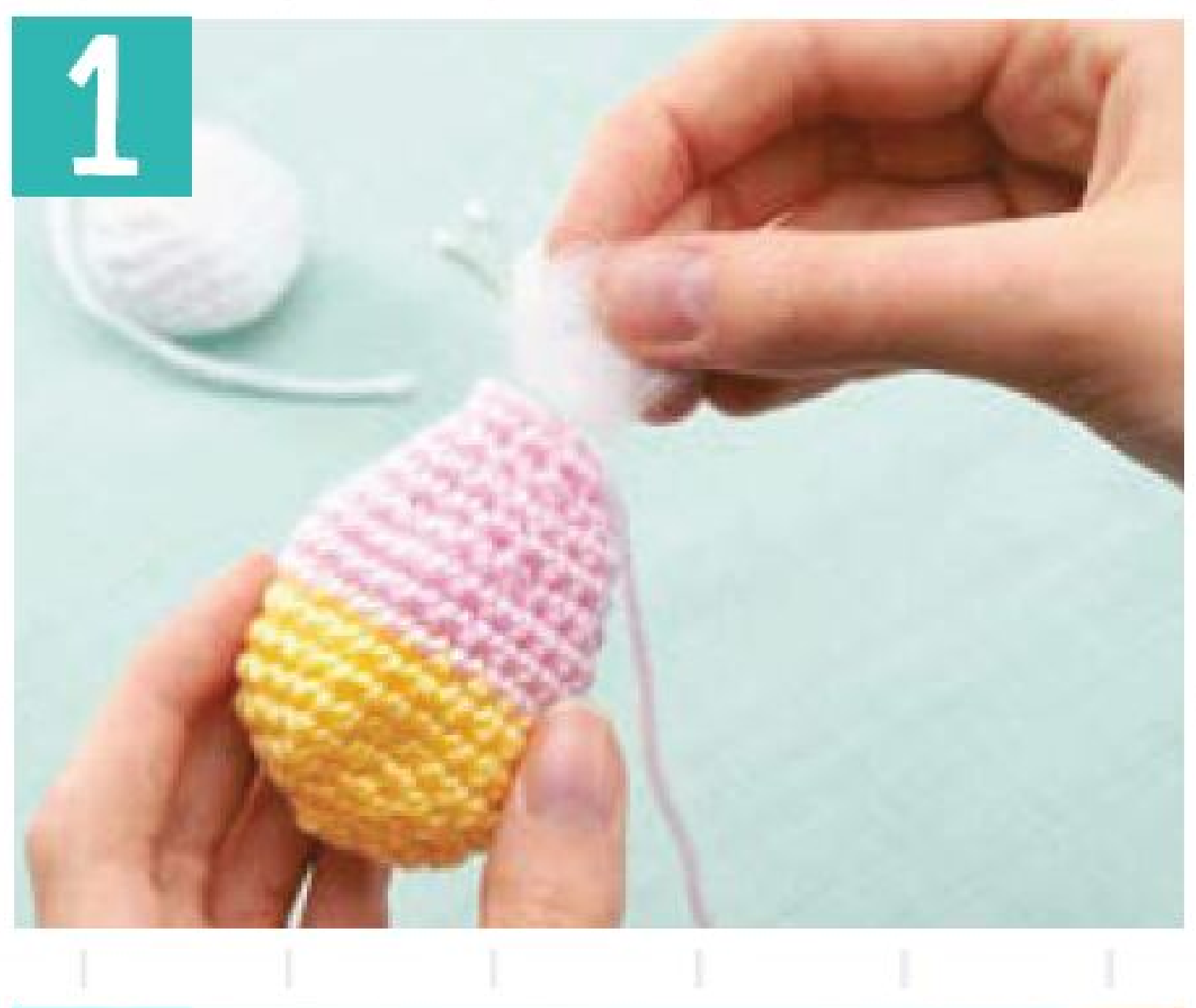

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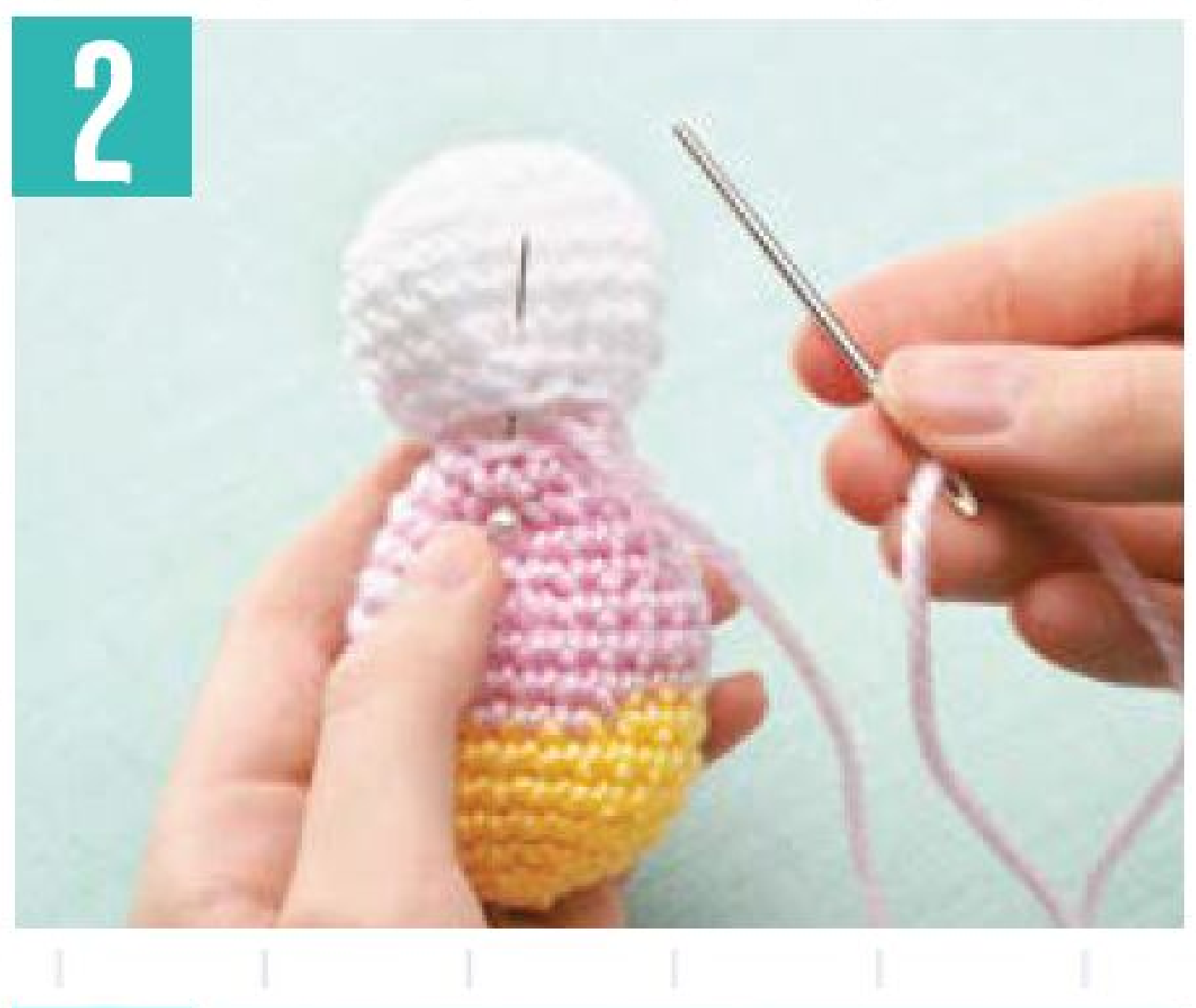

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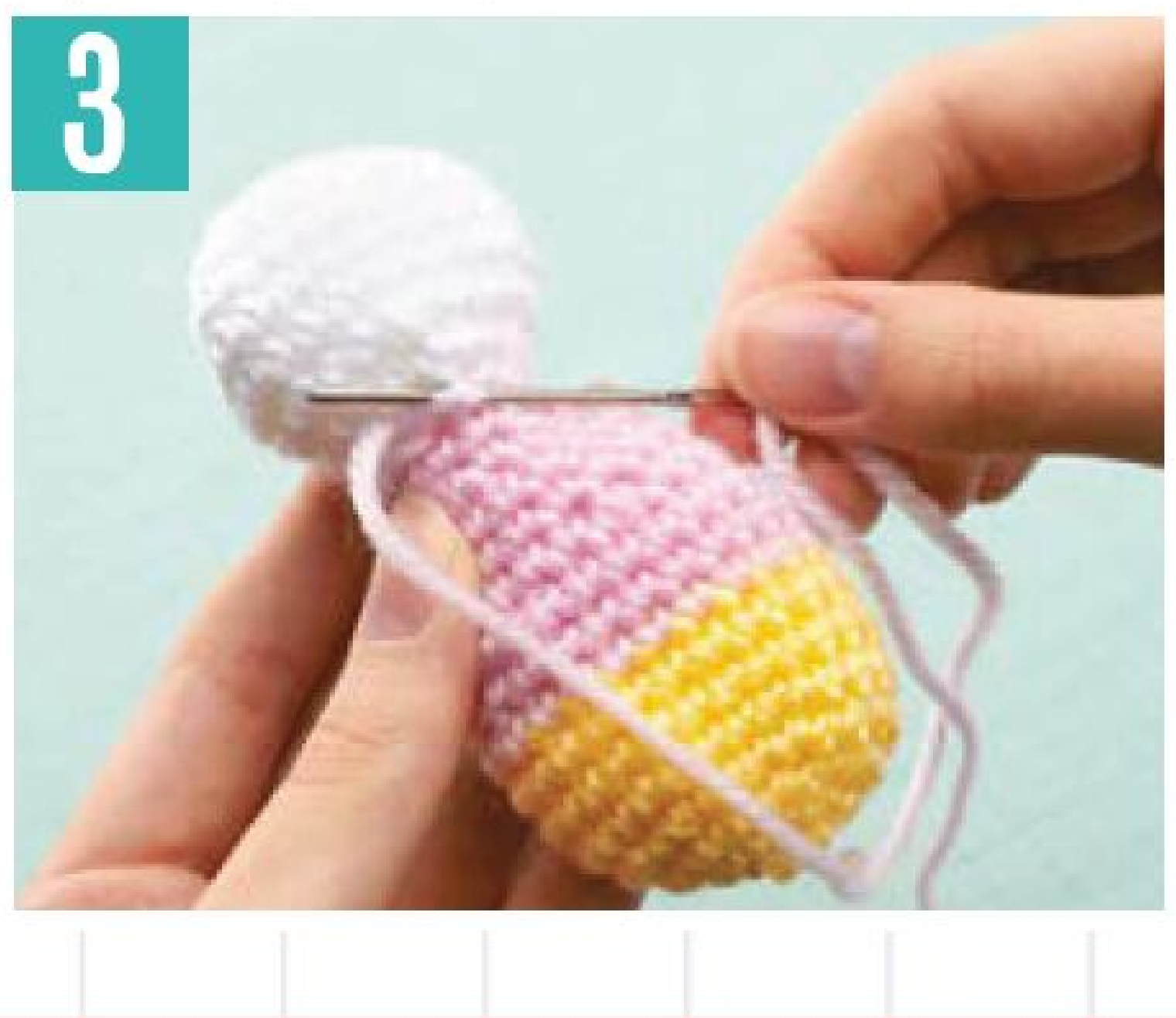

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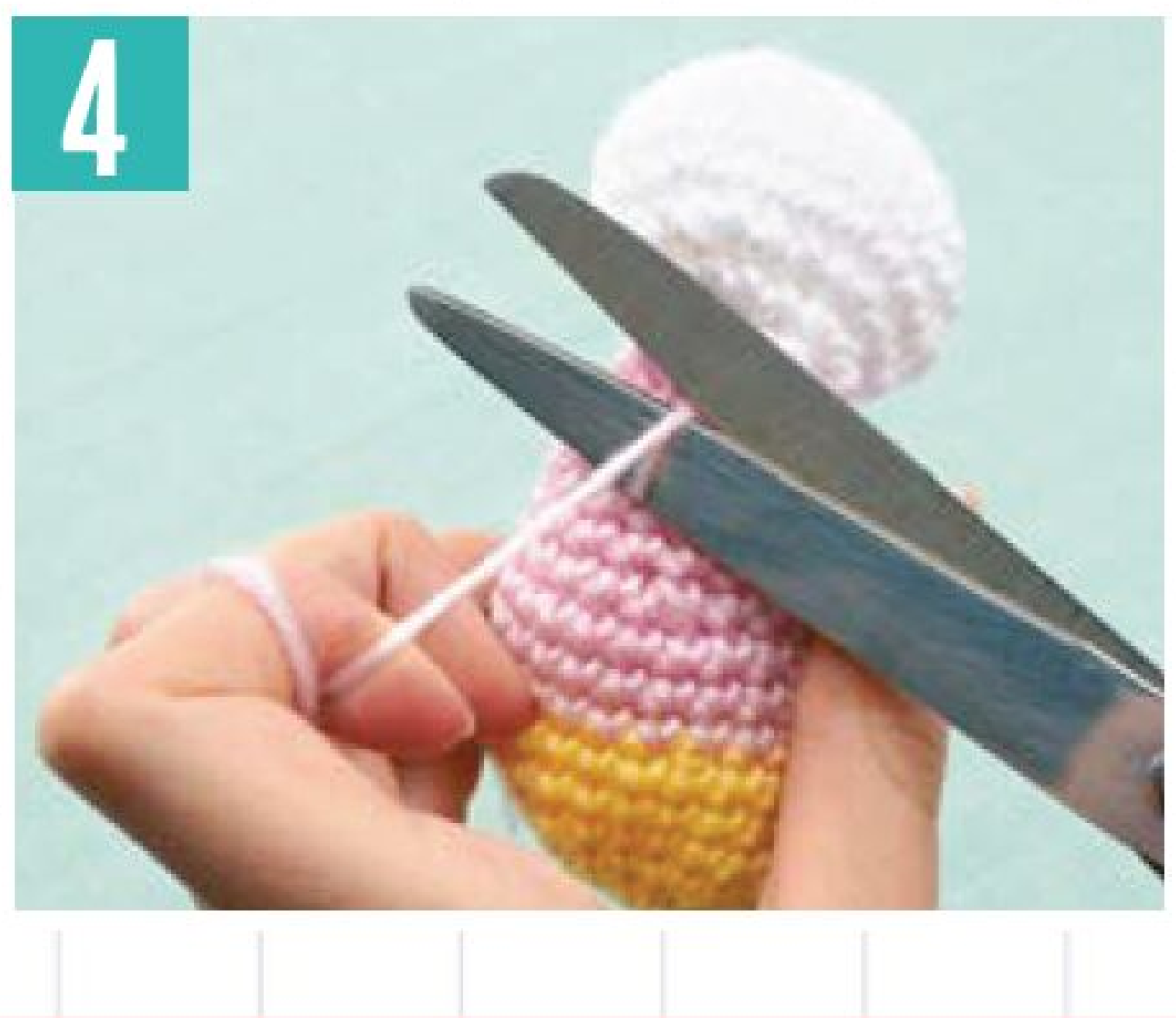


DESIGNER **HEATHER GIBBS**

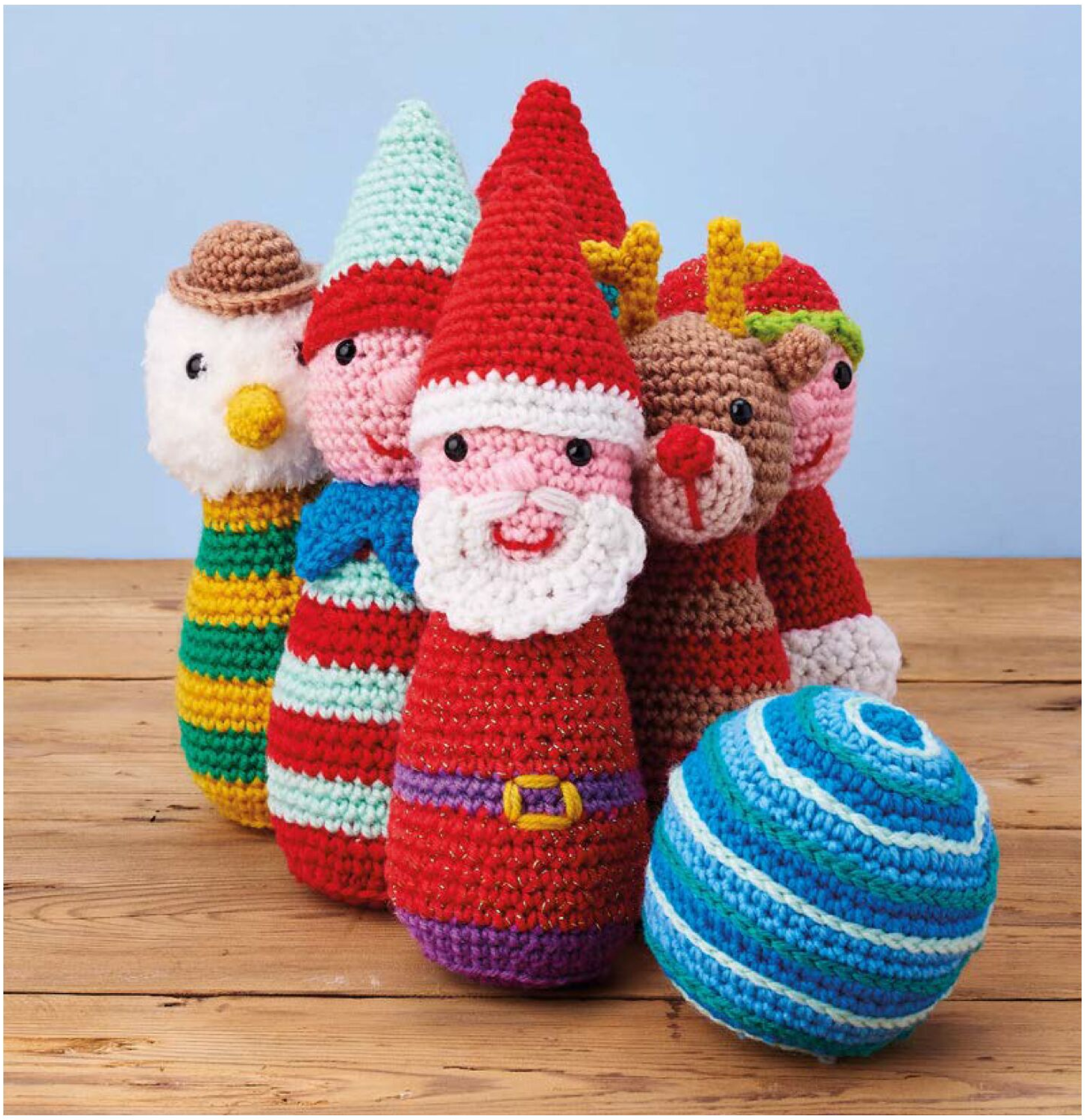
# Festive skittles

Christmas just isn't Christmas without some family games, so whip up these characterful pins and get bowling!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: DK: Pink, Fair Fawn, Peppermint, Rich Sapphire, Frosty Blue, White, Fluffy, Yellow, Brown, Fir Green, Sparkly Red, Festive Purple, Lime, True Ivy, Red ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Stitch markers ★ Stuffing ★ 12 8mm black safety eyes ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Skittle heights: Mrs Claus, 17.5cm; Father Christmas, 22cm; Elf, 22cm; Snowman: 18cm; Rudolph: 20cm. Ball width: 9cm



## SNOWMAN SKITTLE

### HEAD

**NOTE:** start from top

Using 3.5mm hook and Fluffy make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 4-7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 3-4, approx four sts apart

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 9: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 10: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### NOSE

Using 3.5mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 4-5: rep Rnd 2 twice. Eight sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Head. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: 2dc in each st to end. 36 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BODY

**NOTE:** starting from bottom

Using 3.5mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Head. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-rnd stripe sequence: Fir Green, Yellow

☐ Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rows 17-18: 1dc in each st to end

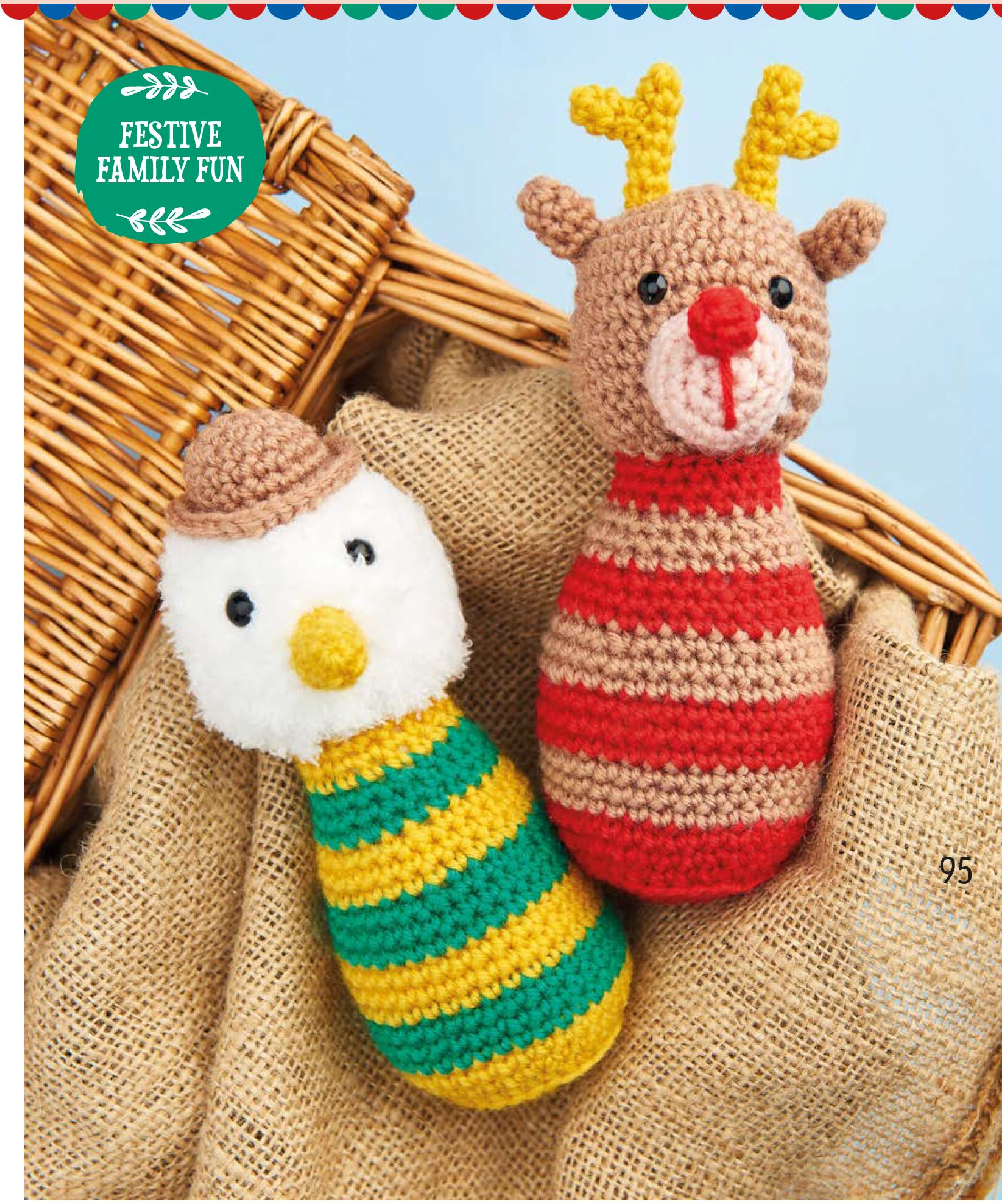
☐ Row 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rows 20-21: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Row 22: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rows 23-25: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail



### TO MAKE UP

Sew Head closed. Stuff Nose and Body. Stuff Hat lightly, leaving last rnd unstuffed. Sew Nose centrally to Head, just below eyes. Sew Hat to top of Head. Sew Head to top of Body. Weave in all ends

## RUDOLPH SKITTLE

### HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-3: rep Rnds 1-3 of Snowman Skittle Head. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, approx four sts apart

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Brown make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### NOSE

Using 3.5mm hook and Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### SNOUT

Using 3.5mm hook and Fair Fawn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: rep Rnds 1-2 of Snowman Skittle Head. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 3-5: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ANTLER SMALL SECTION (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ANTLER MAIN SECTION (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BODY

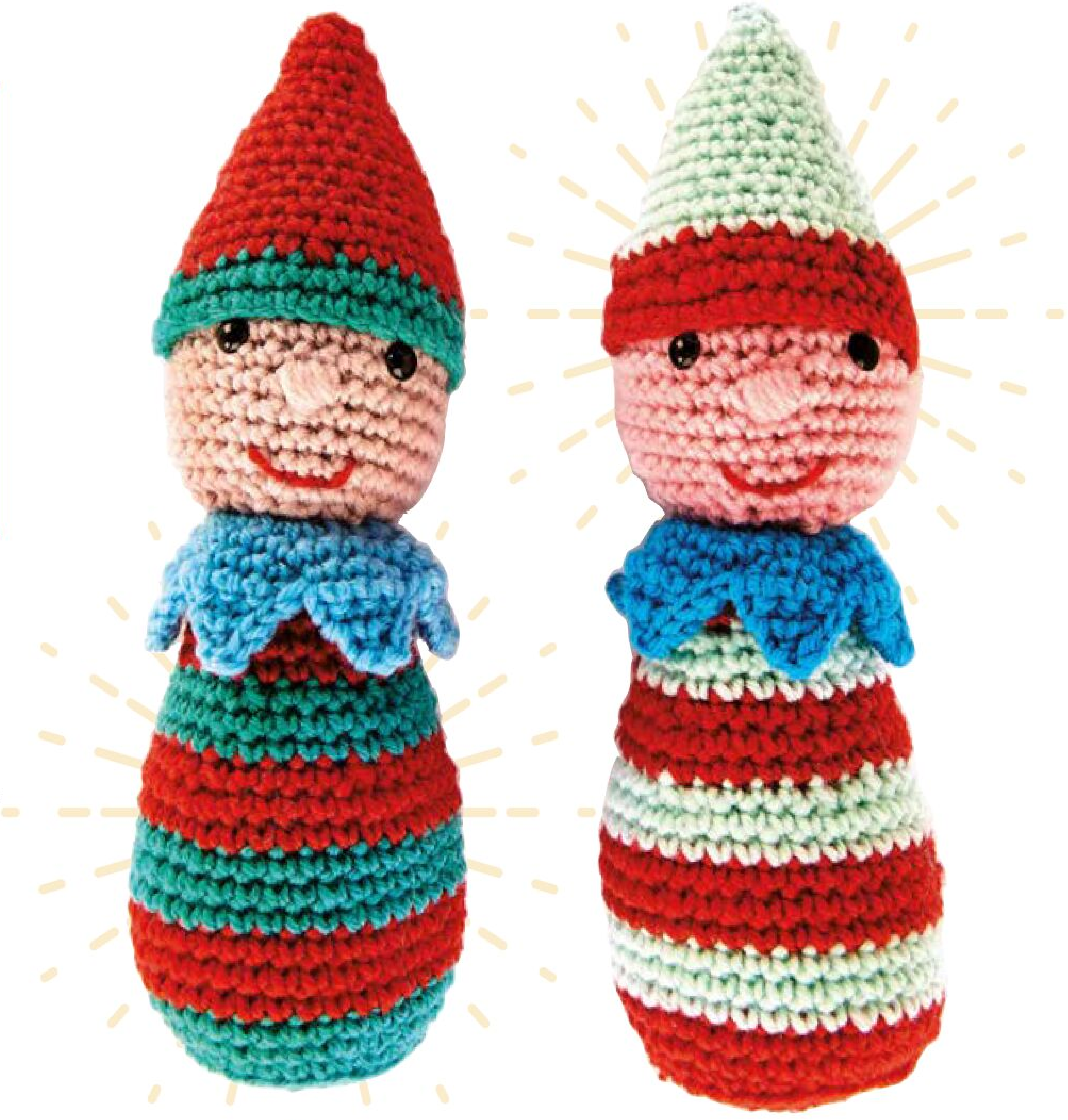
Make as for Snowman Body using Red and Brown

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Head closed. Stuff Snout. Sew Nose to Rnd 2 of Snout. Embroider vertical line underneath Nose on Snout. Sew Snout to Head below eyes. Sew Antler Small Section to Rnd 2 of Main Section. Sew Antlers to top of Head on Rnd 2, approx three sts apart. Sew Ears to Head, approx one st apart from Antlers. Sew Head to Body. Weave in all ends

## IN STITCHES

**MAKE BOBBLE (MB)**
(Yoh, insert hook in indicated st, pull up a loop) four times. Nine loops on hook. Yoh and pull through all loops on hook



# ELF SKITTLES

### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink (Fair Fawn) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 9: 14dc, MB (see Panel) in next st, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, approx five sts apart with nose in between

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### HAT (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Red (True Ivy) make 36ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 3: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Change to Peppermint (Red)

☐ Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 6: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnds 10-11: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 12: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 15: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
☐ Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### COLLAR (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Rich Sapphire (Frosty Blue) make 18ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

**NOTE:** now work in rows to form each point

☐ Row 1: 5dc, turn. Five sts
☐ Row 2: 1ch, 5dc, turn
☐ Row 3: miss one st, 4dc, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 4: miss one st, 3dc, turn. Three sts
☐ Row 5: miss one st, 2dc, turn. Two sts
☐ Row 6: miss one st, 1dc, turn. One st

Sl st down to next st from Rnd 2 and rep Rows 1-6 for each point, starting in next st from where you turned for Row 1

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Red (True Ivy) make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll three-rnd stripe sequence: Peppermint (Red), Red (True Ivy)

☐ Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rows 17-18: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Row 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rows 20-21: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Row 22: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rows 23-25: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Split length of Red and use two strands to embroider mouth over Rnd 12 of Head. Sew Head closed. Stuff Hat lightly, leaving Rnds 1-3 unstuffed, then sew closed. Stuff Body. Sew Collar to top of Body. Sew Hat onto Head, then onto Body. Weave in all ends

# BALL

Using 3.5mm hook and Rich Sapphire make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: Rich Sapphire, Frosty Blue

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnd 6: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
☐ Rnd 7: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
☐ Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
☐ Rnd 17: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

**NOTE:** : surface crochet (see Panel) on edge of stripes as you go, alternating between Peppermint and True Ivy

**NOTE:** stuff as you go

☐ Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 20: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 21: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 22: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

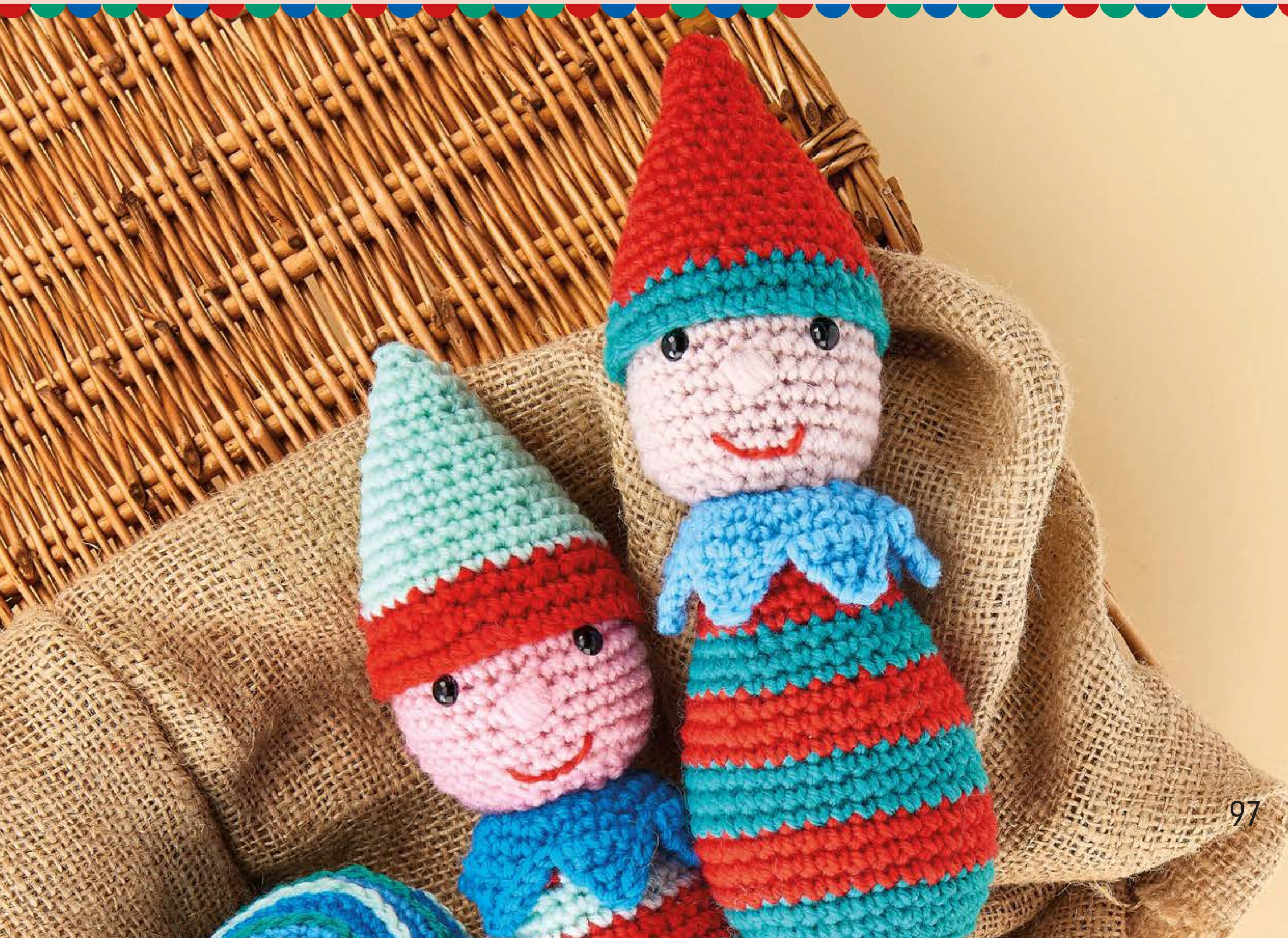
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Sew closed. Weave in all ends

## SURFACE CROCHET

This is an embellishing technique in crochet made by crocheting extra stitches on top in a contrasting yarn of the same weight. Start by attaching a slip knot to the back of the crochet area then, from the front of the work, insert your hook into the stitch nearby and start working chain stitches on the surface of your crocheted area. Continue to work in this way according to the design



“The two adorable elf skittles and stripy ball are the perfect opportunity to practise colour sequences”

**HEATHER GIBBS**
DESIGNER

**TOP TIP!** TO CREATE AN INVISIBLE CHANGE AND AVOID UNSIGHTLY SECTION, AS YOU MAKE THE LAST STITCH IN THE OLD COLOUR, PAUSE BEFORE THE LAST STEP OF THAT STITCH. FOR THE FINAL ‘YARN OVER HOOK AND DRAW THROUGH ALL LOOPS ON HOOK’, SUBSTITUTE THE NEW YARN, SO YOU DRAW THE NEW YARN THROUGH YOUR LOOPS

# SANTA SKITTLE

## HEAD

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: 14dc, MB (see Panel) in next st, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 10-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

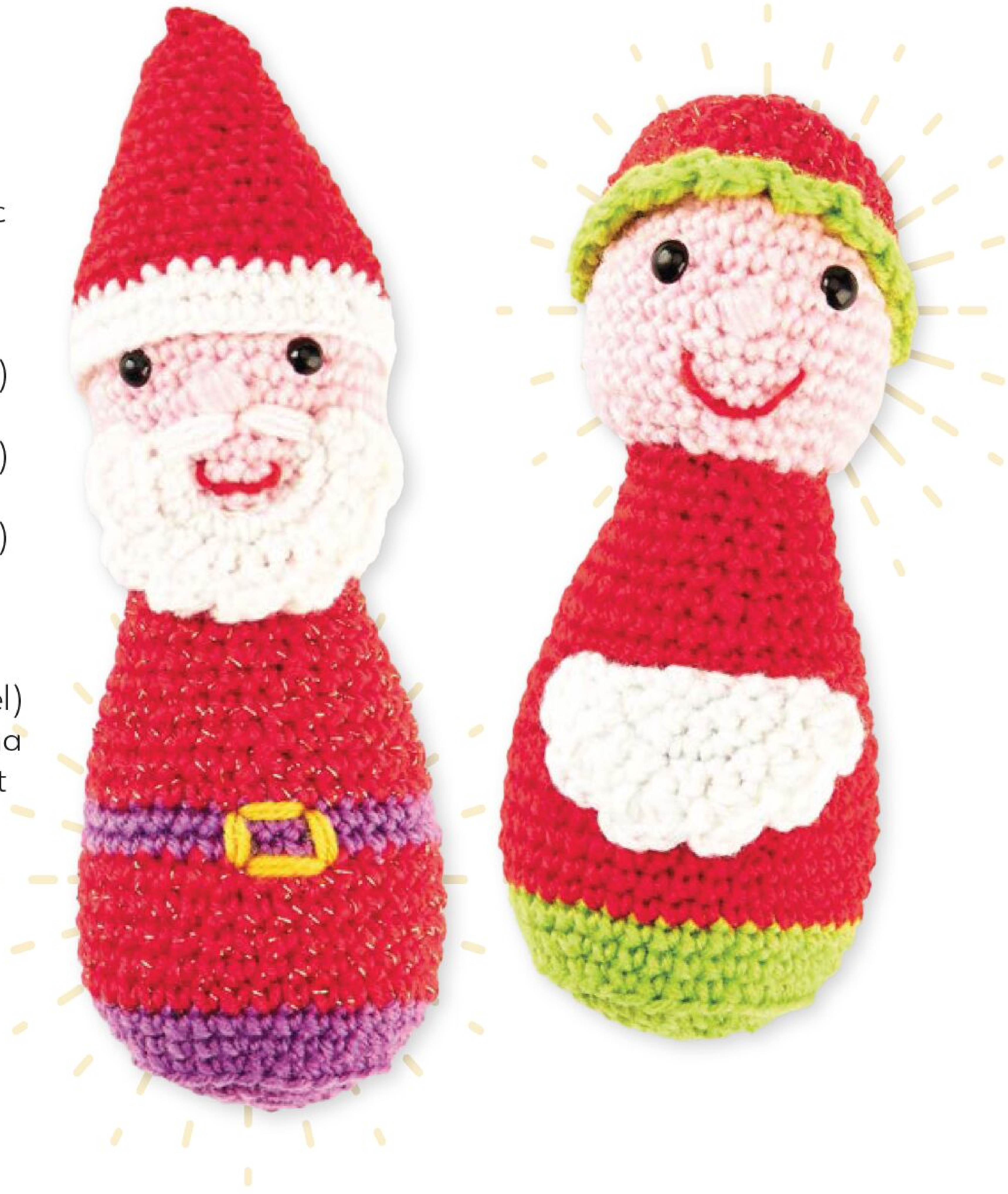
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 7-8, approx four sts apart, with nose in between

☐ Rnd 14: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail



## BEARD

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 9ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 16 sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch, miss next st, 3htr in next st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to end. Seven sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and White make 36ch, join with a sl st to make a ring. 36 sts

☐ Rows 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red

☐ Row 3: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rows 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Row 6: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rows 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Row 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rows 10-11: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Row 12: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rows 13-14: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Row 15: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Row 16: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Festive Purple make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnds 8-12: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Festive Purple

☐ Rnds 13-14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red Sparkle

☐ Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 19: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 20-21: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 22: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 23-24: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Head and Body. Sew top of Hat closed. Use Yellow to embroider buckle onto belt. Attach Beard under nose using tail ends to embroider moustache. Split length of Red and use two strands to embroider mouth. Attach Hat to Head, then Head to Body. Weave in all ends

# MRS CLAUS SKITTLE

## HEAD

Make as for Santa Skittle Head

## HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Red Sparkle make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-7: rep Rnds 1-7 of Head. 30 sts

Change to Lime

☐ Rnd 8: 1ch, 3htr in same st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to end, working last sl st in first st. 15 sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## APRON

Using 3.5mm hook and White make a magic ring, work 3dc into ring, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 1: 2dc in each st to end, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. Nine sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Row 4: 1ch, 3htr in next st, miss next st, sl st in next st, (3htr in same st as sl st, miss next st, sl st in next st) to last two sts, 3htr in same st as sl st, sl st in next st. Six sections

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Lime make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red

☐ Rnds 8-15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 16-24: rep Rnds 16-24 of Santa Body

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Stuff Head and Body. Split length of Red and use two strands to embroider mouth over Rnd 12 of Head. Sew Apron to Body. Attach Hat to Head, then Head to Body. Weave in all ends

**TOP TIP!** THIS SOFT-PLAY SET IS GREAT FOR TODDLERS. TO MAKE IT MORE CHALLENGING FOR OLDER CHILDREN, MAKE TEN PINS, ADD A CIRCLE OF CARDBOARD TO THE BASES AND WEIGH DOWN THE PINS AND BALL WITH A SMALL BAG OF RICE OR PLASTIC PELLETS IN EACH

*"Both of these pins use basic stitches and simple shaping. Half trebles are used to create the scalloped shaping on the beard and apron, and you'll be making bobbles for the noses"*

**HEATHER GIBBS** DESIGNER

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Brussels sprouts

Not only are these little veggies utterly adorable, they're easy to make too

GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Brussels Sprouts, black ★ Stuffing ★ 4mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Width: 5cm

### SPROUT (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Brussels Sprouts make a magic ring, work 4dc into ring. Four sts

☐ Rnds 1-2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 4-5: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

☐ Rnd 6: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 7: (1dc, dc2tog) to end, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

Fasten off

### SMALL LEAF (MAKE 6)

Using 4mm hook and Brussels Sprouts make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 4dc, (2htr in next st) four times, 1dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Fasten off

### LARGE LEAF (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Brussels Sprouts make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, 4dc, 2htr in next st, (2tr in next st) twice, 2htr in next st, 1dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Using fastened-off tail of Sprout, sew opening closed. Sew a Small Leaf to each side of Sprout. Sew Large Leaf to back of Sprout overlapping Small Leaves. Using a small length of black DK embroider a face onto each Sprout. Weave in all ends

> "Take your time embroidering the faces to ensure they look just as you'd like"

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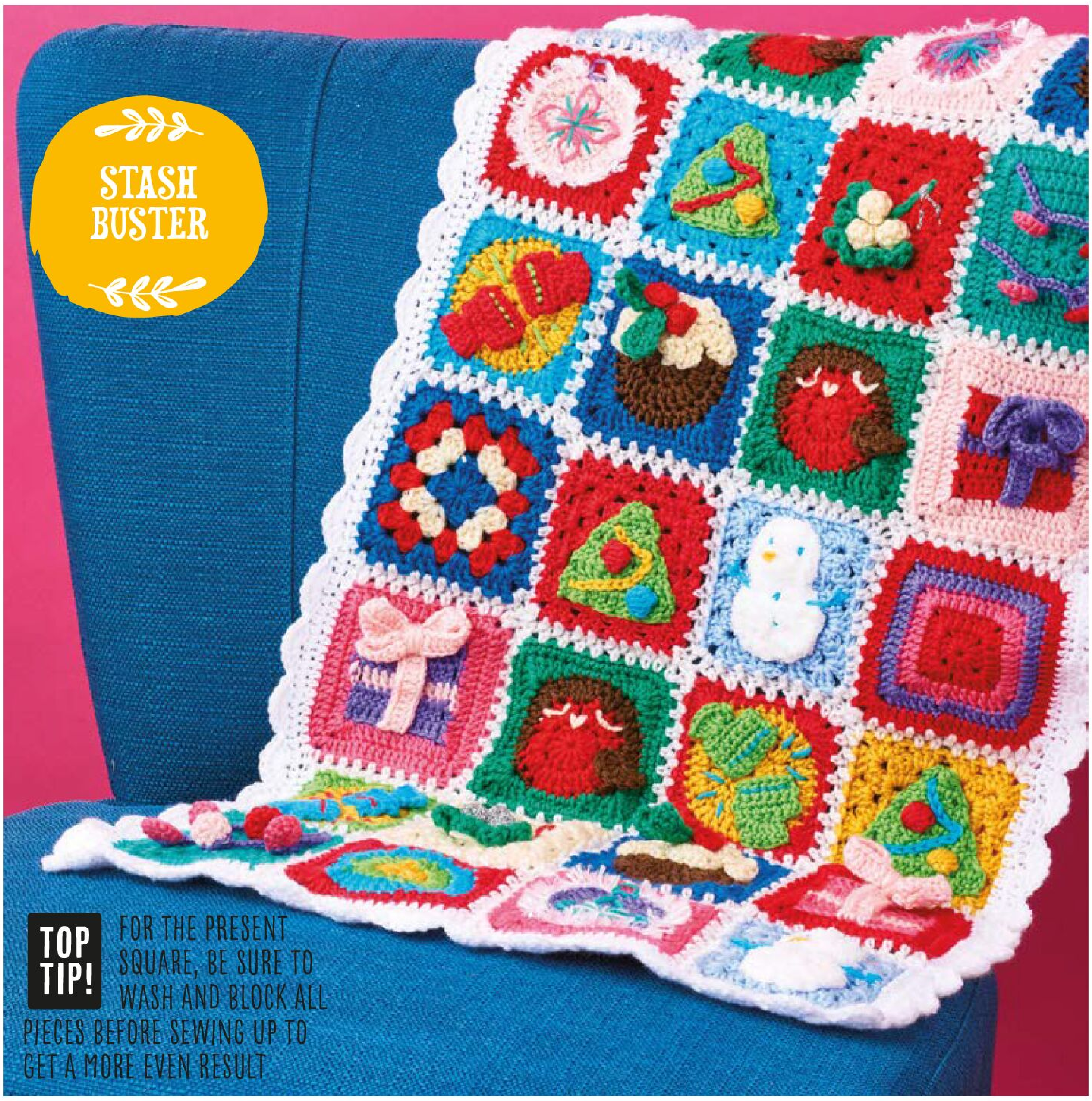
DESIGNER

DESIGNER **IRENE STRANGE**

# Granny square blanket

Create a Christmas blanket the whole family will love year after year with our 12 designs



STASH BUSTER

**TOP TIP!** FOR THE PRESENT SQUARE, BE SURE TO WASH AND BLOCK ALL PIECES BEFORE SEWING UP TO GET A MORE EVEN RESULT

## KIT LIST

- ★ DK yarn: Peppermint Twist (mint green); Cherry Whirl/ Robin Red/ Rosy Cheeks (red); Bubblegum Sour (purple); Blackberry Surprise (dark pink); Sherbert Fizz (light pink); Snowdrop/Santa's Beard(white); Christmas Pud (brown); Tinsel Blue; Milk Bottle (cream); Evergreen (mid green); Silver Sparkle; Gold Coin (yellow); Bauble Blue (turquoise); Icicle (sky blue); Brussels Sprout (mid green)
- ★ Hook, 3mm, 4mm, 5mm
- ★ Tapestry needle
- ★ Tape measure

## WHY NOT TRY...

If you don't want to make a whole blanket, you can use the squares to embellish cards, decorate gifts, make tree decorations, as festive bunting, as pockets on Xmas jumpers...

## PLAIN SQUARE (MAKE 2)

**NOTE:** Corner chains are not counted in the stitch totals throughout

Using 3mm hook and Peppermint Twist make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr into ring, (2ch, 3tr) three times into ring, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr) three times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 28 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 4tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 7tr) three times, * (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in next 2ch corner sp, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch *. 44 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 6tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 11tr) three times, rep from * to *. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 8tr, ([2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 15tr) three times, rep from * to *. 76 sts

Fasten off

## FAIRY LIGHT (MAKE 10 – 6 IN BUBBLEGUM SOUR, 3 IN CHERRY WHIRL, 1 IN SHERBERT FIZZ)

Using 3mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts Fasten off

### FAIRY LIGHT CHAIN (MAKE 4 – 2 THAT CONNECT 3 FAIRY LIGHTS, 2 THAT CONNECT 2 FAIRY LIGHTS)

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise * make 6ch

☐ Row 1: working across three sts of Fairy Light, tr2tog across next two sts, 1tr in same st as last st, tr2tog across same st as last st and next st *, rep from * to * twice for three-light chain or once for two-light chain, 6ch Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends. Sew Fairy Light Chains onto Plain Squares

## STRIPED SQUARE

Using 3mm hook and Cherry Whirl make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr into ring, (2ch, 3tr) three times into ring, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 12 sts

Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour, Blackberry Surprise, Cherry Whirl

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Plain Square. 76 sts

Fasten off

## BAUBLE SQUARE (MAKE 3)

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour (Sherbet Fizz, Blackberry Surprise) make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) in same st, 2tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 24 sts

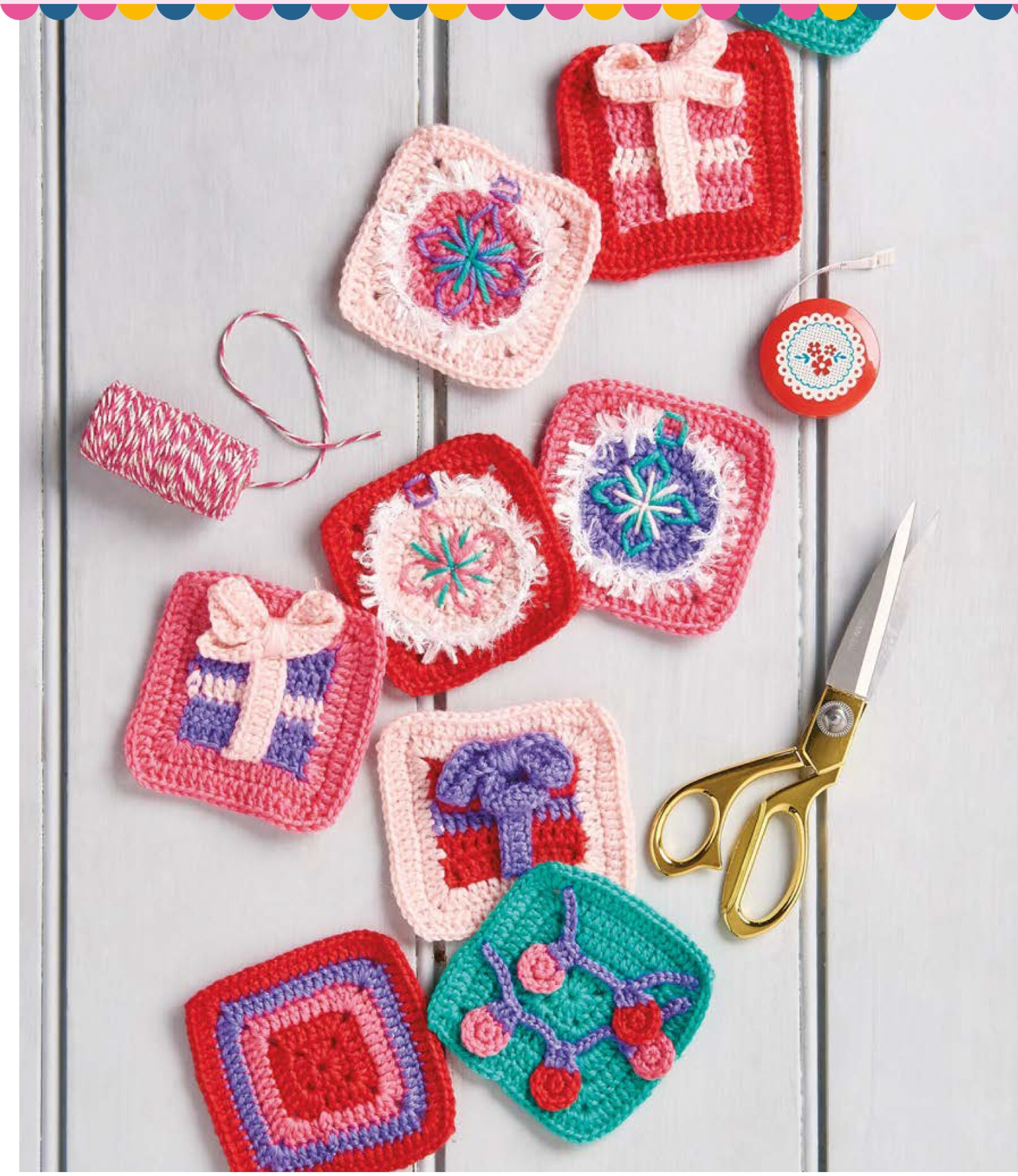
☐ Rnd 2: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) in same st, 1tr, (2tr in next st, 1tr) 11 times, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 36 sts

Change to Sherbet Fizz (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour)

☐ Rnd 3: working in back loops only 1ch, (3dc, 2htr, 3tr in next st, 2ch, 3tr in next st, 2htr) four times, join with a sl st to first st. 52 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 7tr, ( * [2tr, 2ch, 2tr] in next 2ch corner sp *, 13tr) three times, rep from * to * once, 1tr in each st to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 68 sts

Fasten off



### TO MAKE UP

Starting in centre, embroider four diamonds in chosen yarn colours. Sew accent strokes to middle of each and between each diamond. Embroider small square at top of circle. Sew Snow Drop yarn around edge of circle. Weave in all ends

## PRESENT SQUARE

### PRESENT (MAKE 3)

Using 3mm hook and Blackberry Surprise (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour) make 15ch

☐ Row 1: starting in fourth ch from hook, 1tr in each ch to end, turn. 12 sts

☐ Row 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end, turn

Change to Sherbet Fizz (Blackberry Surprise, Sherbet Fizz)

☐ Row 3: rep Row 2

Change to Blackberry Surprise (Cherry Whirl, Bubblegum Sour)

☐ Rows 4-5: rep Row 2 twice

Fasten off

### EDGE (MAKE 3)

Using 3mm hook and Bubblegum Sour (Sherbet Fizz, Cherry Whirl) join to any corner of Present

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch, 1tr) in next st, 11tr along edge, (2tr in next st, 2ch, 2tr in next st, 11tr) three times, 2tr in next st, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 60 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in each st to next 2ch corner sp, ([1tr, 2ch, 1tr] in 2ch corner sp, 1tr in each st to next 2ch corner sp) three times, 1tr in next 2ch corner sp, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first 2ch sp. 68 sts

Fasten off

### RIBBON (MAKE 3)

Using 3mm hook and Sherbet Fizz (Blackberry Surprise, Sherbet Fizz) make 52ch

☐ Row 1: starting in third ch from hook, 1tr in each st to end. 50 sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Ribbon to Present, folding long edge into a bow and securing in place with extra yarn. Sew Edge to Present

## CHRISTMAS PUDDING

### BASE (MAKE 3)

Using 5mm hook and Christmas Pud make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr) into ring, 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end, 1tr in base of first 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr) in next st, (2tr in next st, 1tr) to last st, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 36 sts

Change to Tinsel Blue

☐ Rnd 3: (3dc, 3htr, [3tr, 1ch, 3tr] in next st, 2htr) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 56 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1ch, (9dc, [1dc, 1ch, 1dc] in next 1ch corner sp, 5dc) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 64 sts Fasten off

### TOP (MAKE 3)

Using 5mm hook and Milk Bottle make 6ch

☐ Row 1: 2htr in third ch from hook, 1htr in each of next two ch, 3htr in next ch, turn. Eight sts

☐ Rows 2-3: (2ch [counts as 1htr], 2htr) in same st, 1htr in each st to last st, 3htr in last st, turn. 16 sts

☐ Row 4: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1htr, 2ch (counts as 1htr), sl st in next three sts, 3ch, 3tr, (3ch, sl st) in next st, sl st in next st, 1ch, 1dc, (1ch, sl st) in next st, sl st in next two sts, 2ch (counts as 1htr), 2htr

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### BERRY (MAKE 6)

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### LEAF (MAKE 6)

Using 5mm hook and Evergreen make 6ch

☐ Row 1: starting second ch from hook, (1dc, 1htr) twice, 3dc in next ch, work along opposite side of ch as follows: (1htr, 1dc) twice, join with a sl st to first st. 11 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends. Sew Top onto Base, then sew on Leaves and Berries

## ROBIN

### BASE (MAKE 3)

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in each st to end, 1tr in base of first 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 24 sts

Change to Christmas Pud

☐ Rnd 2: 3dc, 2htr in each of next three sts, 2tr in each of next six sts, 2htr in each of next three sts, 3dc, miss rem sts

Join Evergreen to third missed st

☐ Rnds 3-4: rep Rnds 3-4 of Christmas Pudding Base. 64 sts

Fasten off

### WING (MAKE 3)

Using 5mm hook and Christmas Pud make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 7tr into ring. Eight sts

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Pull magic ring of Wing tightly. Sew one Wing to each body. Using Milk Bottle, embroider beaks and eyes. Weave in all ends

## MISTLETOE

### BASE (MAKE 2)

Using 5mm hook and Robin Red (Milk Bottle) make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr into ring, (2ch, 3tr) into ring three times, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch corner sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in each 2ch corner sp to end, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch, turn. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in next sp between 3tr cl, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr in next sp between 3tr cl) three times, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch, turn. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in next sp between 3tr cl, * (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr in each sp between 3tr cl to next 2ch corner sp *, rep from * to * twice, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr in next sp between 3tr cl, join with a sl st to third of first 3ch. 48 sts

Fasten off

### BERRY (MAKE 6 – 3 IN MILK BOTTLE, 3 IN SILVER SPARKLE)

Using 5mm hook and chosen yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

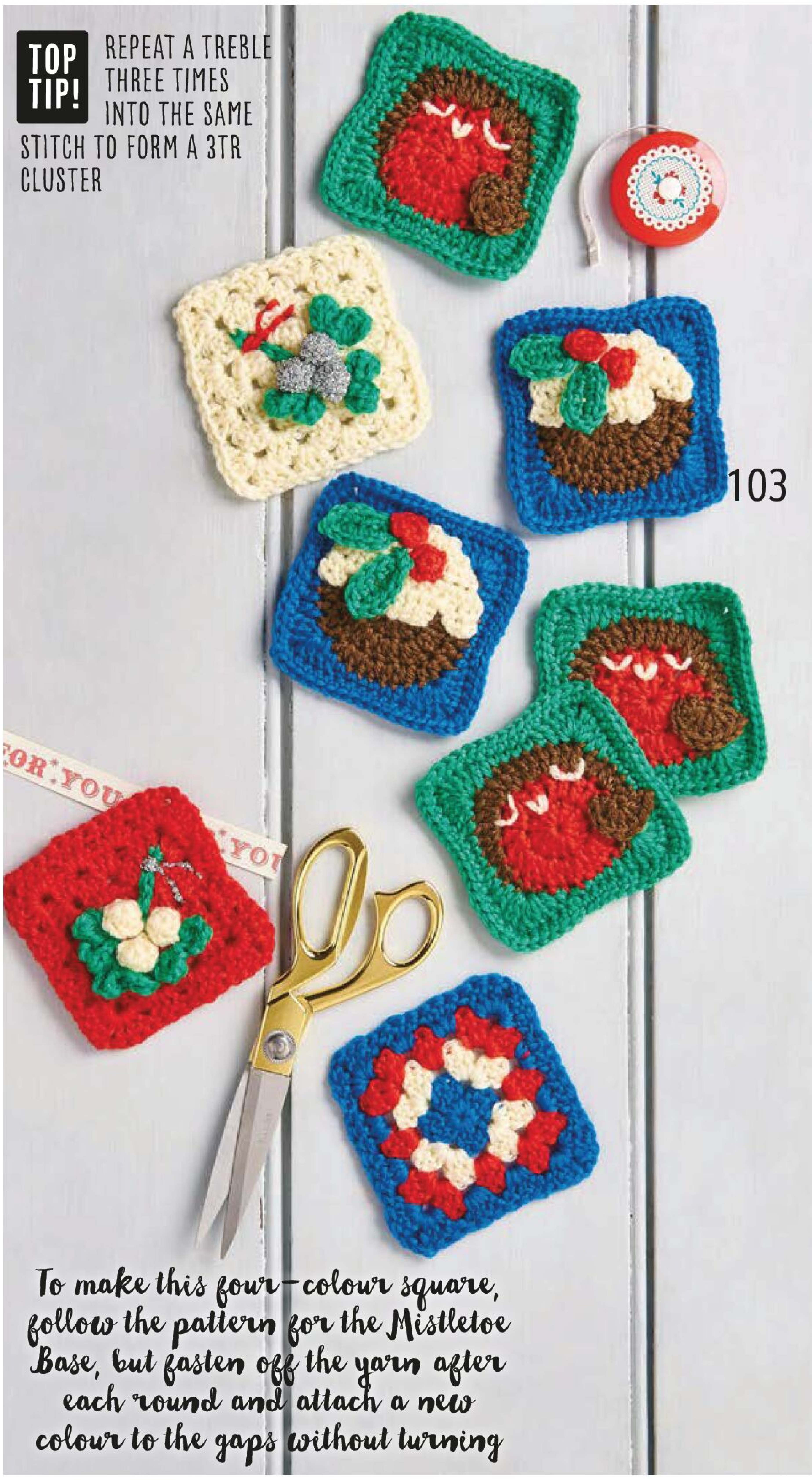
Sew Berries onto middle of squares. To create stems, use Evergreen to make five sl sts from middle of Berries towards corner, then five sl sts back towards Berries. To make one leaf: (3ch, 3tr cluster, 3ch, sl st into square) twice. Make 12 in total, using photo as a guide. Embroider bow around stem in contrasting colour. Weave in all ends

## CRACKER

### BASE (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Gold Coin make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr) into ring,

**TOP TIP!** REPEAT A TREBLE THREE TIMES INTO THE SAME STITCH TO FORM A 3TR CLUSTER



*To make this four-colour square, follow the pattern for the Mistletoe Base, but fasten off the yarn after each round and attach a new colour to the gaps without turning*

11tr into ring, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as 1tr) in next st, 2tr in each st to end, 1tr in base of first 3ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as 1tr) in next st, (2tr in next st, 1tr) to last st, 2tr in next st, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 36 sts

Change to Bauble Blue (Brussels Sprouts, Rosy Cheeks)

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (4dc, 1htr, 1tr, [3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next st, 1tr, 1htr) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 56 sts

Fasten off

### CRACKER HALF (MAKE 6 – 2 EACH IN ROSY CHEEKS, BAUBLE BLUE, BRUSSELS SPROUTS)

Using 4mm hook and chosen yarn make 7ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Six sts

☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 5: 1ch, two sl sts, 2dc, turn. Two sts

☐ Row 6: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in first st, 3tr in next st. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Cracker Halves onto Bases. Embroider a line along each half, then short lines around shape

## SNOWMAN

### BASE (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Icicle make a magic ring, work 3ch (counts as 1tr) into ring, 2tr, (2ch, 3tr) three times, 2ch, join with a sl st to third of first ch, turn. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in 2ch corner sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in each corner sp to end, join with a sl st to third of first ch, turn. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in sp between next two 3tr cl, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr in between next two 3tr cl) three times, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next corner sp, join with a sl st to third of first ch, turn. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in between next two 3tr cl, ([3tr, 2ch, 3tr] in next 2ch corner sp, 3tr in between each of next two 3tr cl) three times, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next corner sp, 3tr between next two 3tr cl. 48 sts

Fasten off

### SNOWMAN (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Santa's Beard make 11ch

☐ Rnd 1: 3tr in fourth ch from hook, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, one sl st in next st, 1htr, 1tr, 5tr in next st, work along opposite side of ch as folls: 1tr, 1htr, one sl st in next st, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, 3tr in last st, join with a sl st to third of first ch. 23 sts (inc sl sts)

☐ Rnd 2: (1ch, 1dc) in first st, 2dc in next st, (2htr in next st) twice, 1dc, one sl st in each of next two sts, 1dc, (2dc in next st) seven times, 1dc, one sl st in each of next two st, 1dc, (2htr in next st) twice, 2dc in next st, 1dc, join with a sl st to first st. 36 sts (inc sl sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Snowmen onto Bases. Embroider eyes and hands with Bauble Blue and a nose with Gold Coin

## TREE

### BASE (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Rosy Cheeks (Bauble Blue, Gold Coin) work as for Snowman Base

### TREE (MAKE 3)

Using 4mm hook and Brussels Sprouts make 4ch

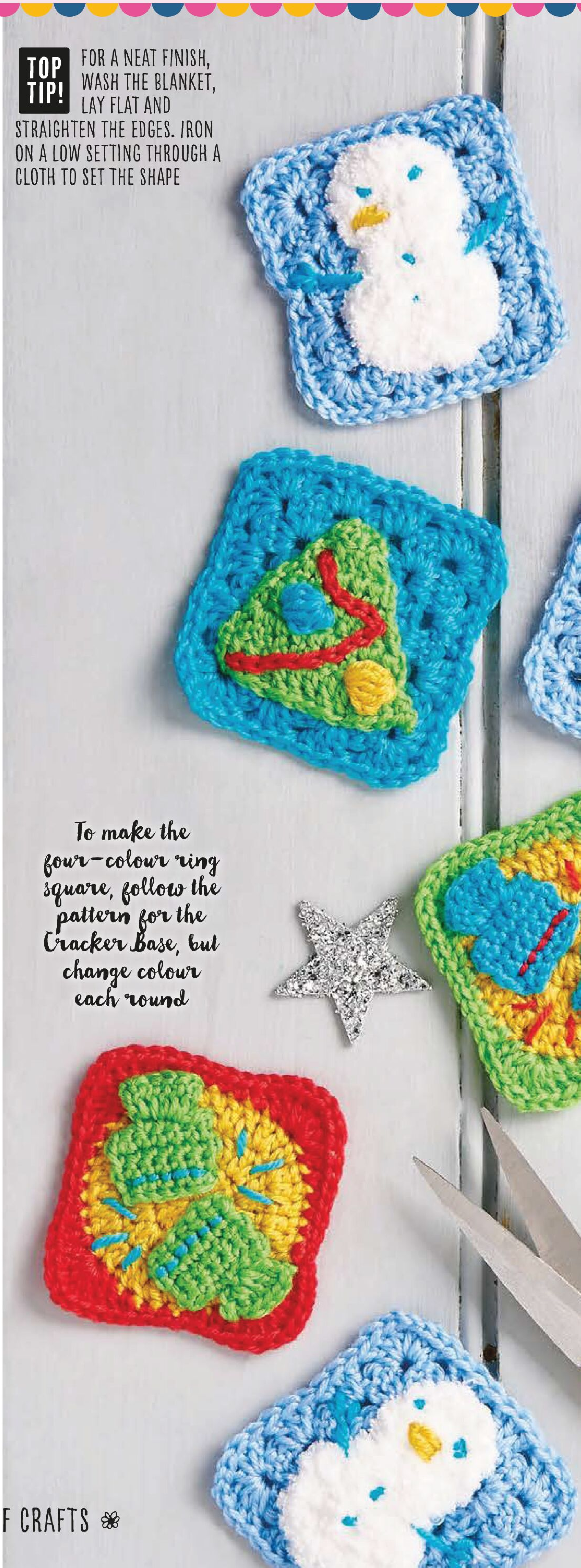
☐ Row 1: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 2tr) in fourth ch from hook, turn. Three sts

☐ Rows 2-5: (3ch [counts as 1tr], 1tr) in next st, 1tr in each st to last st, 2tr in next st, turn. 11 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Chain st zig-zag line across trees using chosen yarn colour. Add two cluster sts either side of line in contrasting colours. To make cluster: insert chosen yarn into Tree, 3ch, work 4tr into same place, leaving last loops on hook, then pull yarn through all loops. Sew Trees onto Bases



**TOP TIP!** FOR A NEAT FINISH, WASH THE BLANKET, LAY FLAT AND STRAIGHTEN THE EDGES. IRON ON A LOW SETTING THROUGH A CLOTH TO SET THE SHAPE

*To make the four-colour ring square, follow the pattern for the Cracker Base, but change colour each round*

### TO STITCH THE BLANKET

To make your blanket, gather together all 27 squares. Make one more square, working as for Cracker Base, but change colour each round. Arrange the 28 squares in rows of four in your preferred order. Using white yarn from your stash, start by connecting rows horizontally, working from bottom up. Take last two rows, fold top row down so WS is facing up, attach yarn to far right corner and work 2ch. Connect two squares with htr sts, alt st between two squares – ten sts per square (20 in total for every two squares). Once first two squares are connected, place next two squares adjacent to them and carry on joining squares. Rep until end of row. Fasten off and connect next row of squares in same way, working on WS of patt. Rep until all rows are connected horizontally, then connect all squares along vertical lines in same way

### EDGING

Once squares are connected, attach white yarn to any corner sp of blanket and work around outer edge as folls:

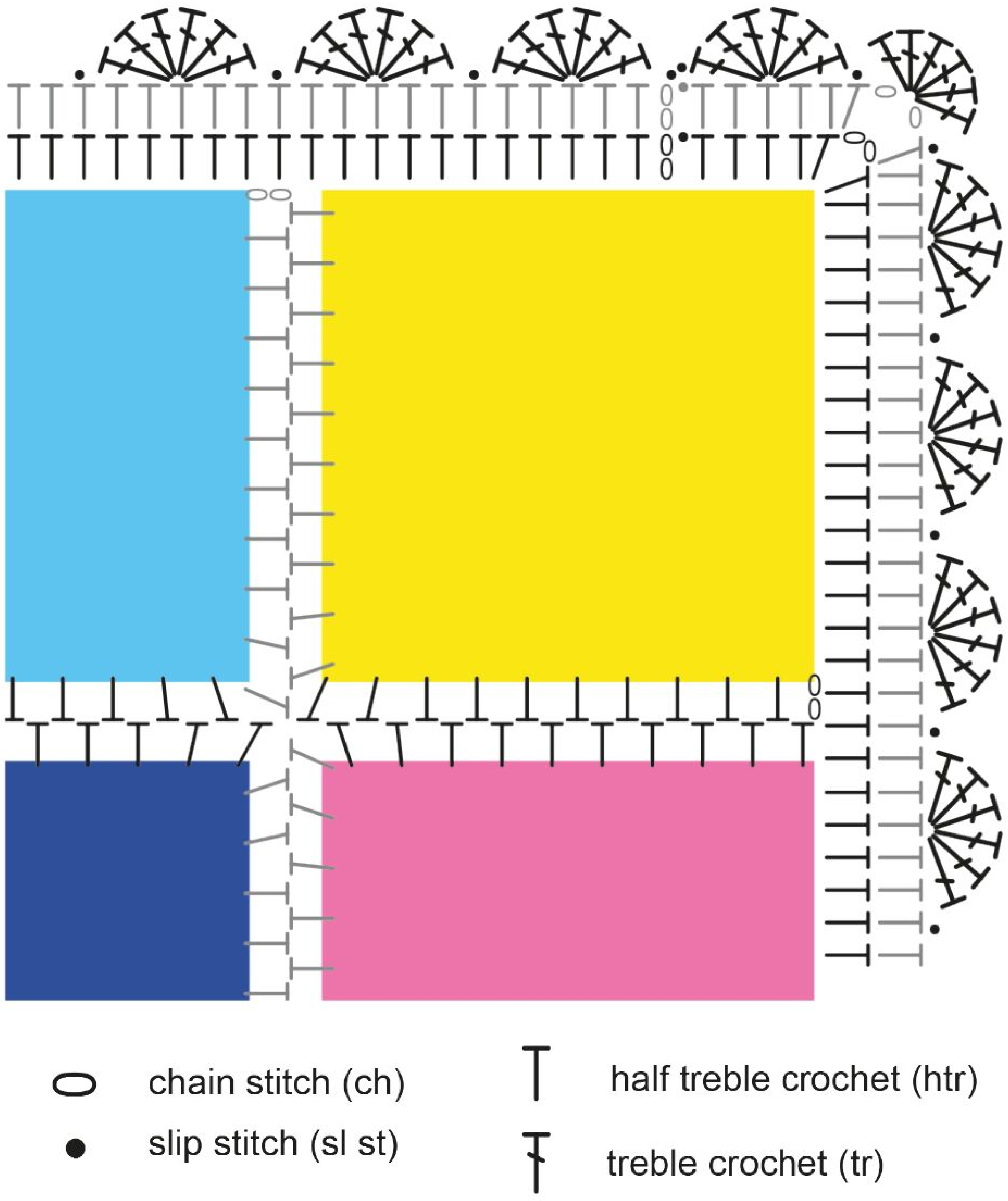
☐ Row 1: work 1htr in each st along squares, working 2htr in each sp between squares and (2htr, 2ch, 2htr) in each corner sp, join with a sl st to first st

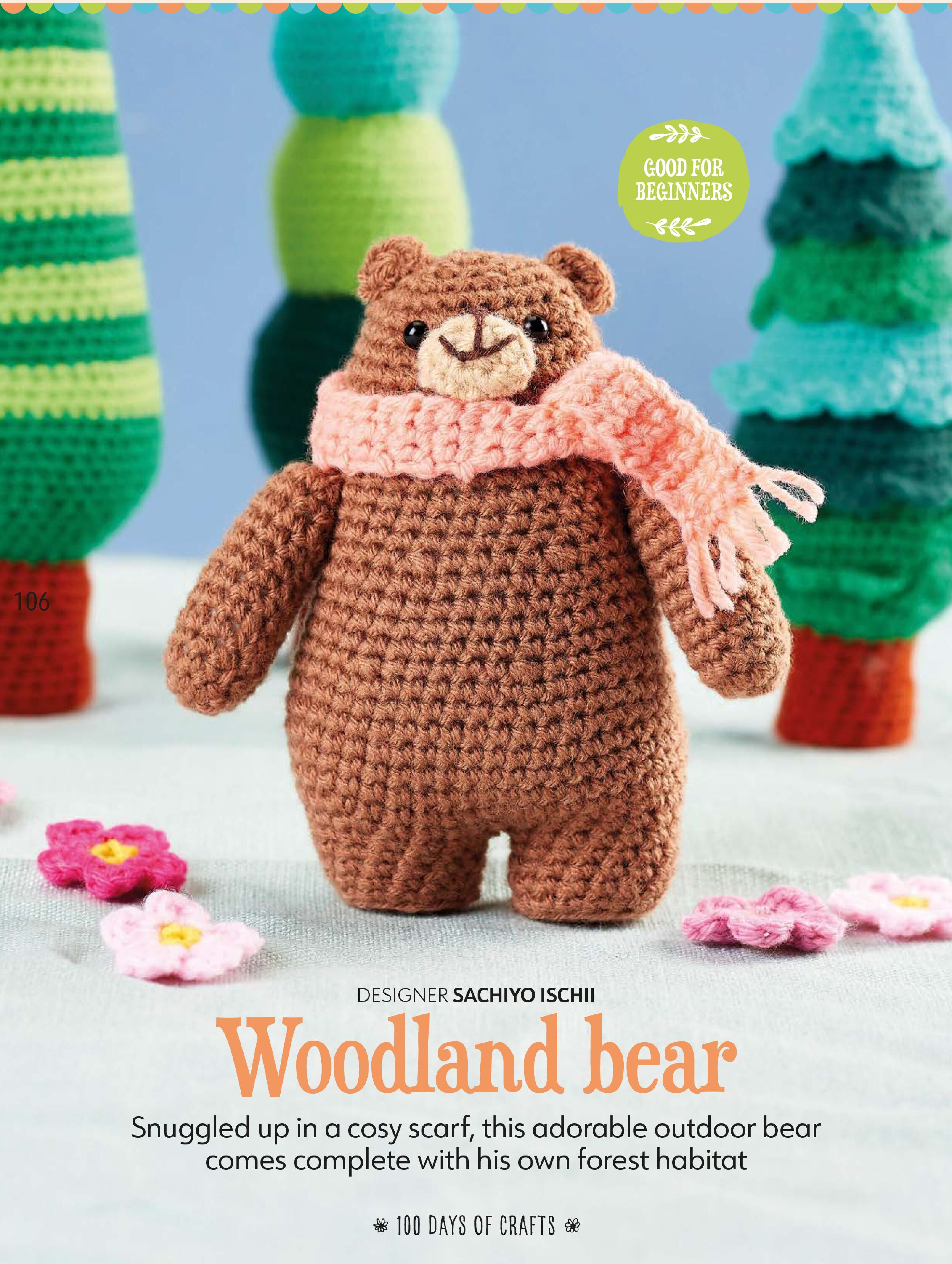
☐ Row 2: work 1htr in each st, working (2htr, 2ch, 2htr) in each 2ch corner sp, join with a sl st to first st

☐ Row 3: (miss two sts, 6tr in next st, miss two sts, sl st in next st) to end, add an extra 6tr in each 2ch corner sp

Fasten off

Weave in all ends




GOOD FOR BEGINNERS

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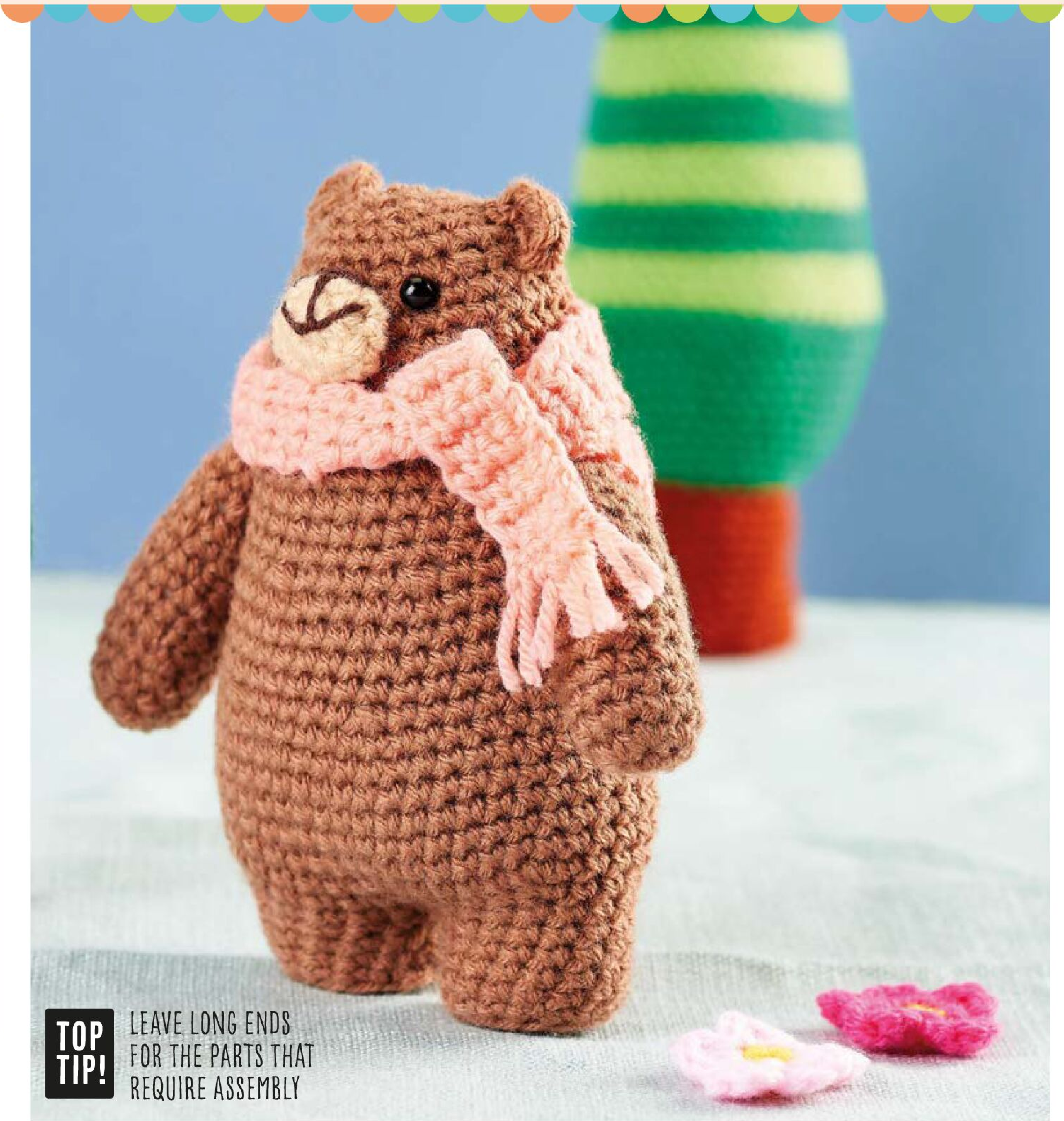
# Woodland bear

Snuggled up in a cosy scarf, this adorable outdoor bear comes complete with his own forest habitat

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Sirdar Snuggly DK, shade (A) 513 Tawny, 25g, (B) 493 Coral, 5g, (C) 483 Whizz, 10g, (D) 480 Cutie Clover, 10g, (E) 514 Squirrel, 15g (F) 494 Biscuit, small amount, (G) 490 Aqua, 15g, (H) 515 Treehouse, 20g, (I) 212 Petal Pink, (J) 350 Spicy Pink, (K) 187 Precious, (L) 500 Sunshine, small amounts of each; small amount of dark brown 4-ply ★ 3mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Sewing needle ★ Two 6mm mushroom shaped eye beads/safety eyes ★ Toy stuffing ★ Sturdy card

Bear: 14cm tall; Tall Striped Tree: 22cm tall; Three Tier Tree: 18cm tall; Layered Tree: 19cm tall



**TOP TIP!** LEAVE LONG ENDS FOR THE PARTS THAT REQUIRE ASSEMBLY

## BEAR

### LEFT LEG

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1ch (does not count as st), 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 4-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### RIGHT LEG

Work as for Left Leg, do not fasten off. Cont to Body

### Body & head

☐ Rnd 7: insert hook in Left Leg, sl st to join legs, 1dc in each st of Left Leg, insert hook in Right Leg, 1dc in each st of Right Leg, sl st to join. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 8: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 9: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 14: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 15-17: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 18: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 19-27: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 28: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 29: 1dc in each st to end

Stuff. Attach safety eyes

☐ Rnd 30: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 31: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 32: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off. Insert more stuffing. Weave through finishing end

### ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-12: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, 2ch, 6htr into ring

Fasten off

### MUZZLE

Using 3mm hook and yarn F make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### TAIL

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 2-3: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### SCARF

Using 3mm hook and yarn B make 5ch

☐ Row 1: beg in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

☐ Rows 2-60: 1ch, miss first st, 3dc, turn

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Attach Ears. Sew Muzzle to Body. Sew on eye beads if using. With Dark Brown 4-ply, embroider nose and mouth. Stuff Arms. Attach Arms to Body. Stuff Tail. Attach Tail to Body. Add fringes to Scarf. Wrap Body with Scarf. Weave in all ends

## JOINED ROUNDS

This pattern is worked in joined rounds. Join with a slip stitch to the first double crochet after each round. Mark the first stitch with a stitch marker

## TALL STRIPED TREE

### TREE

Using 3mm hook and yarn D make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 2: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnd 3: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 14 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Rnd 6: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 16 sts

☐ Rnd 7: (7dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 8: (8dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnd 9: (9dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 22 sts

☐ Rnd 10: (10dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 11: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 26 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Rnd 12: (12dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 28 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (13dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 14: 1dc in each st to end

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnds 15-16: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 17: (14dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 32 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Rnd 18: (15dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 34 sts

☐ Rnd 19: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 20: (16dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnds 21-22: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 23: (17dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 38 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Rnds 24-25: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 26: (18dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 40 sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnds 27-28: 1dc in each st to end.

☐ Rnd 29: (19dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

Change to yarn D

☐ Rnds 30-31: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 32: (20dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 44 sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnd 33: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 34: (21dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 46 sts

☐ Rnd 35: 1dc in each st to end

Cut yarn C and change to yarn D

☐ Rnd 36: (22dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

☐ Rnds 37-39: 1dc in each st to end

Make a 15cm tall cone with sturdy card and insert into crocheted piece

☐ Rnd 40: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnd 41: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 42: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 43: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 44: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 45: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 46: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Cut yarn D and change to yarn E

☐ Rnds 47-56: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 57: working in BLO, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 58: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff (including inside cone)

☐ Rnd 59: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 60: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

Add more stuffing in trunk and weave through fastened-off edge

### TO MAKE UP

Thread yarn E onto tapestry needle and pierce base centre of trunk, take needle out from top edge of trunk and rep Pull thread to flatten base. Weave in all ends

## THREE TIER TREE

### TREE

Using 3mm hook and yarn G make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 5-9: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 10: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 11: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Change to yarn C

☐ Rnd 12: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 14: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 15-20: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 21: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 22: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Change to yarn H

☐ Rnd 23: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 24: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 25: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts

☐ Rnds 26-34: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 35: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 36: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 37: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 38: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Change to yarn E

☐ Rnds 39-47: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 48: working in BLO, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end

Stuff

☐ Rnd 49: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 50: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

Finish stuffing and weave through fastened-off edge

### TO MAKE UP

Thread tapestry needle with yarn E and pierce base centre of trunk. Take needle out from top edge of trunk and rep. Pull thread to flatten base. Work a gathering thread around base of each bobble to shape. Weave in all ends

## LAYERED TREE

### TOP LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn G make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Ten sts

☐ Rnd 4: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 7: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 8-9: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 10: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 11: (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end

Fasten off

### SECOND LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn H, work as for Top Layer to Rnd 10. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end

Fasten off

### THIRD LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn D, work as for Top Layer to Rnd 10. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 16: (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end

Fasten off

### FOURTH LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn G, work as for Top Layer to Rnd 10. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each

st to end
☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 19: (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end
Fasten off

## FIFTH LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn H, work as for Top Layer to Rnd 10. 24 sts
☐ Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 19: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
☐ Rnds 20-21: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 22: (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end
Fasten off

## SIXTH LAYER

Using 3mm hook and yarn D work as for Top Layer to Rnd 10. 24 sts
☐ Rnds 11-12: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 13: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnds 17-18: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 19: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 42 sts
☐ Rnds 20-21: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 22: (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts
☐ Rnds 23-24: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 25: working in FLO, (miss one st, 4tr in next st, sl st in next st) to end
☐ Rnd 26: working in BLO, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 27: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 42 sts
☐ Rnd 28: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 36 sts
☐ Rnd 29: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts
☐ Rnd 30: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnd 31: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
Change to yarn E
☐ Rnds 32-39: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 40: working in BLO, 1ch (does not count as a st), 1dc in each st to end
Stuff
☐ Rnd 41: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 42: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off
Insert more stuffing and weave through fastened-off edge

### WHY NOT TRY...

You could decorate this scene for the festive season with some tree lights and a Santa hat (see p111)

## TO MAKE UP

Stack up all layers and secure with sts. Thread tapestry needle with yarn E, pierce base centre, take needle out from top edge of yarn E at colour changes and rep. Pull thread to flatten base. Weave in all ends

# FLOWERS

## FLOWERS (MAKE 8 – 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3mm hook and yarn L make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts
Change to yarn I (J, K)
☐ Rnd 1: (2ch, 2htr, 2ch) all in next st, ([sl st, 2ch, 2htr, 2ch] all in next st) to end. Five petals in total
Fasten off

DESIGNER **SARAH-JANE HICKS**

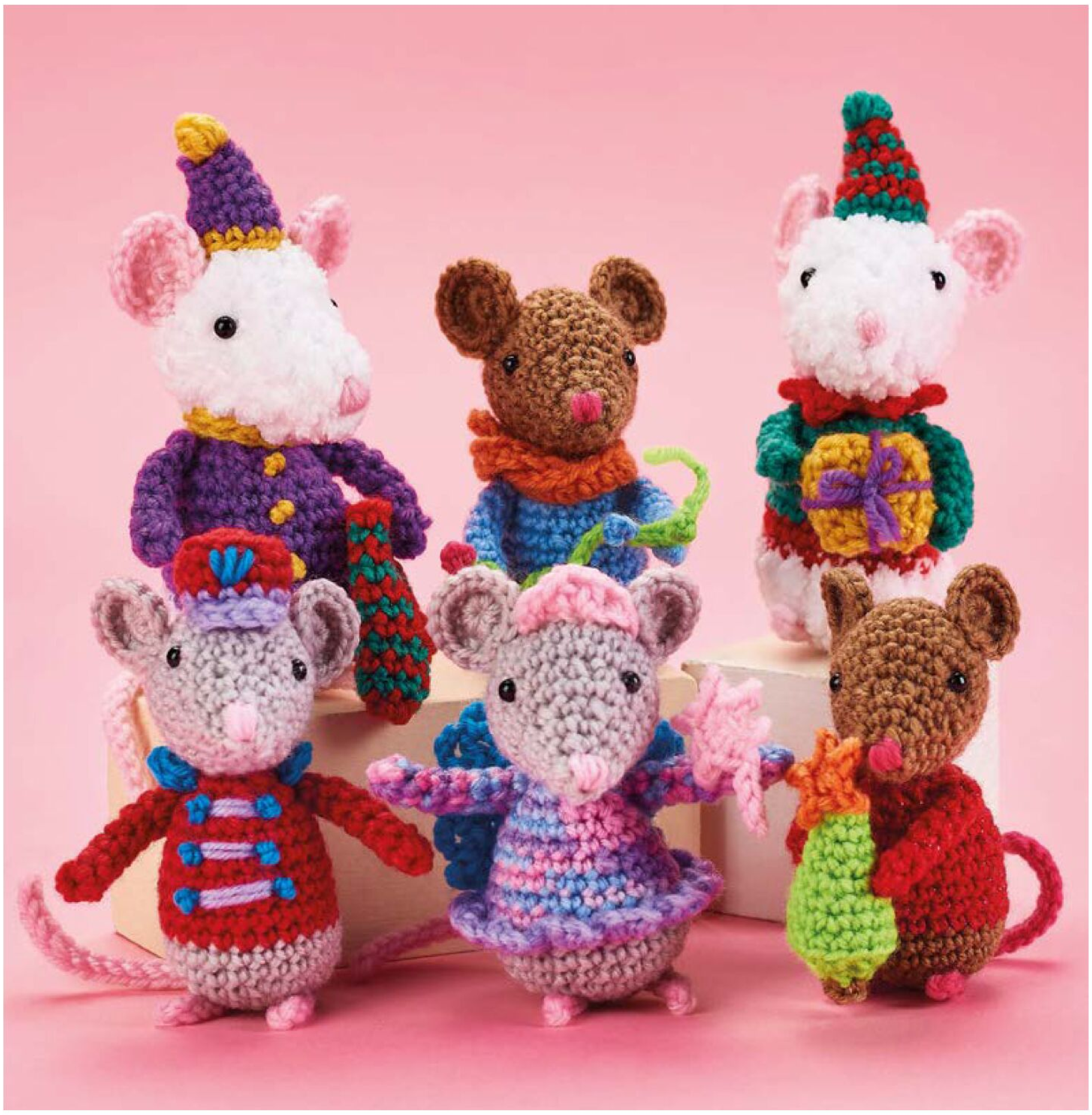
# Merry mice

Create heartwarming scenes with these festive mice that are busy decorating, gift giving and dressing up!

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Brown, Blue, Sparkly Red, Jolly Green, Orange, Joyful Pink, Fluffy, Red, Purple, Leaf Green, Yellow, Grey, Pink, Lilac, Ombré ★ Hooks: 3mm, 3.5mm, 4mm ★ Stuffing ★ Twelve 5mm black safety eyes ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Height: mice, 11cm; tree, 7cm; white mice, 15cm; fairy, 12cm; nutcracker, 12.5cm. Lights length: 20cm



## GREY MICE

### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Grey make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx eight sts apart

Stuff

☐ Rnd 13: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### NUTCRACKER BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Grey make 2ch

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red

☐ Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FAIRY BODY

Using 3.5mm hook and Grey make 2ch

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Ombré

☐ Rnd 7: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 8: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 9-15: rep Rnds 9-15 of Nutcracker Body. Nine sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EAR (MAKE 4)

Using 3.5mm hook and Grey make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

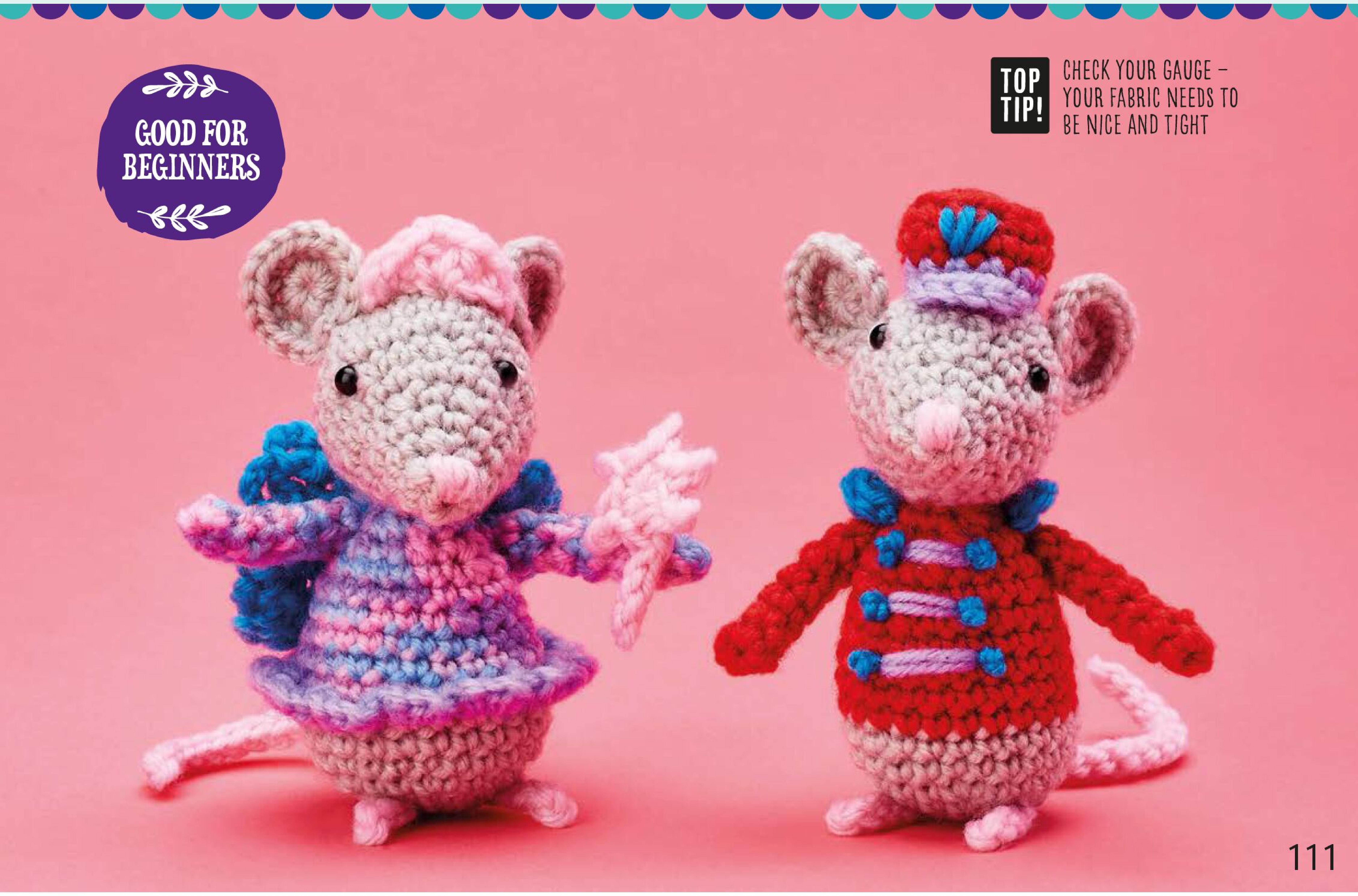
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FOOT (MAKE 4)

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink make 5ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each st



**TOP TIP!** CHECK YOUR GAUGE – YOUR FABRIC NEEDS TO BE NICE AND TIGHT

to end. Four sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TAIL (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink make 16ch
☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each st to end. 15 sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARM (MAKE 4 - 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3.5mm hook and Red (Ombré) make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts
☐ Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## NUTCRACKER HAT

Using 3.5mm hook and Red make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 3: working in BLO, 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end
Change to Lilac
☐ Rnd 5: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
**NOTE:** now making peak
Join Lilac with sl st to FLO of any st near front of Hat and work as folls: (working in BLO, 2dc in next st) twice, working in FLO, sl st in next st
Fasten off

## NUTCRACKER EPAULETTE (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and Blue make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 5dc in second ch from hook. Five sts
Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## Fairy skirt

Using 3.5mm hook, join Lilac with sl st to first unworked loop of Rnd 7 of Fairy Body and work as folls: ([1dc, 1ch, 1dc, 1ch, 1dc] in next st, sl st) to end
Fasten off

## FAIRY WAND

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink make 2ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, (2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc in starting ch) four times, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in top of first dc to form star, 5ch, sl st in second ch from hook, three sl sts back along ch (to form handle)
Fasten off

## FAIRY WING (MAKE 2)

**NOTE:** leave long tail at beg
Using 3.5mm hook and Blue make 4ch
☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as a st), 2tr in fourth ch from hook, turn. Three sts
☐ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr in first st, 2tr in each st to end, turn. Six sts
☐ Rnd 3: (3ch, sl st) six times, turn. Six 3ch sps
☐ Rnd 4: sl st in first 3ch sp, (3ch, sl st in next ch sp) five times. Five 3ch sps
Fasten off

## FAIRY TIARA

Using 3.5mm hook and Pink make 6ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1ch, miss 1ch, (1htr, 2ch, 1htr) in next st, 1ch, miss 1ch, (1dc, sl st) in next st
Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Finish stuffing Head and sew gap closed. Embroider nose using Pink. For Nutcracker Body, stuff and sew to Head. Using Lilac and Blue, embroider three coat fastenings to front, using two straight sts across and French knots for buttons. Stuff and sew to Head. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Feet, Tail and Arms to Body. Stuff Hat and sew to Head. Using Blue, embroider feather to front of Hat using three sts at an angle. Sew Nutcracker Epaulettes to shoulders. For Fairy Body, stuff and sew to Head. Sew Fairy Wand to hand. For Fairy Wing, sew to back of mouse using starting yarn tail. Sew Fairy Tiara to Head. Weave in all ends

## WHITE MICE

### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Fluffy make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: (2dc, miss one st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 7: (3dc, miss one st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 8: 1dc in each st to end

Insert safety eyes, between Rnds 5-6, approx five sts apart

☐ Rnd 9: (2dc, miss one st) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

### BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Fluffy make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Red (Purple)

☐ Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Leaf Green (cont in Purple)

☐ Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 12: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### EAR (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm hook and Pink make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FOOT (MAKE 4)

Using 4mm hook and Pink make 5ch, sl st in second ch from hook, three sl sts. Four sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### TAIL (MAKE 2)

Using 4mm hook and Pink make 16ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 14 sl sts. 15 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### ARM (MAKE 4 – 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 4mm hook and Leaf Green (Purple) make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### FIRST HAT

Using 4mm hook and Red make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Leaf Green, Red

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 4: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 5: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

**First hat bobble**

Using 4mm hook and Leaf Green, join to top of First Hat, 2ch, (yoh, insert hook in same st, yoh, pull through, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook) four times, yoh, pull through all five loops on hook, sl st in same st

Fasten off

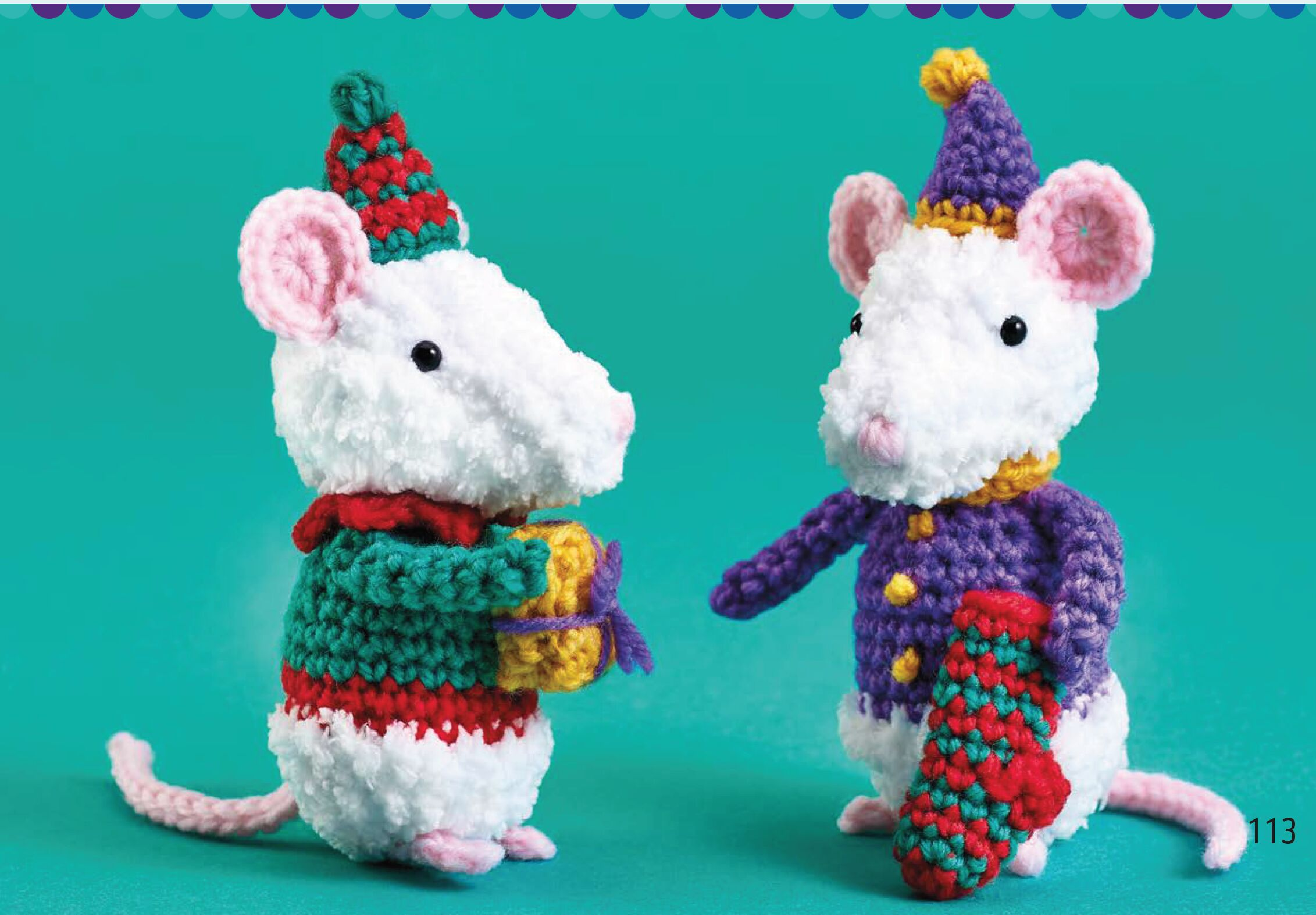
### SECOND HAT

Using 4mm hook and Purple make 2ch

☐ Rnds 1-5: rep Rnds 1-5 of First Hat, ignoring colour changes. 12 sts

Change to Yellow

☐ Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end



> *"This mouse gang is cute enough as it is, but throw in the festive touches and Wow!"*

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Fasten off, leaving a long tail

**Second hat bobble**
Using 4mm hook and Yellow make as for First Hat Bobble, joining to Second Hat

## FIRST COLLAR

Using 4mm hook and Red make 14ch

☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, miss 1ch, sl st in next ch, (2ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, miss 1ch, sl st in next ch) five times. Six points made

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## SECOND COLLAR

Using 4mm hook and Yellow make 13ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end. 12 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## PRESENT

Using 4mm hook and Yellow make 5ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts

☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, 4dc, turn

☐ Row 5: 1ch, working in BLO, 4dc, turn

☐ Row 6: 1ch, 4dc, turn

☐ Row 7: 1ch, working in BLO, 4dc, turn

☐ Rows 8-10: 1ch, 4dc, turn

☐ Row 11: 1ch, working in BLO, 4dc, turn

☐ Row 12: 1ch, 4dc, turn

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

Sew Row 12 to base ch of Row 1 through BLO to form box shape

**First side**
Join Yellow to edge of Row 7 of Present

☐ Row 1: 1ch, work 1dc in ends of Rows 7-10, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

**Second side**
Join Yellow to edge of Row 10 of Present on opposite side

☐ Row 1: 1ch, work 1dc in ends of Rows 10-7, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## STOCKING

Using 4mm hook and Red make 2ch

☐ Row 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Leaf Green, Red

☐ Row 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rows 3-4: 1dc in each st to end

**NOTE:** now working heel

**TOP TIP!** WE'VE SEWN THE TREE TO THE RED MOUSE'S ARMS AND THE LIGHTS TO THE HANDS OF THE BLUE MOUSE, BUT YOU CAN LEAVE THEM FREE FOR PLAYTIME IF YOU PREFER

Change to Red
☐ Row 1: 3dc, miss six sts, turn. Three sts
☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off
Fold Stocking flat and fold heel in half
Sew across top of Row 2 to join two halves
Join Red to first st on Rnd 5 next to heel
☐ Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc in each unworked st of Row 4, work 3dc around edge of heel in ends of rows. Nine sts
Work in foll one-rnd stripe sequence: Leaf Green, Red
☐ Rnds 6-11: 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Stuff Head. Sew gap closed and use Pink to embroider nose. Stuff Body and sew to Head. Sew Ears, Feet, Tail, Arms and Collar to Body. Sew Hat to Head. Rep for other mouse. Sew sides of Present in place, stuffing before finishing. Add bow with Purple and sew Present to hands of green mouse. Sew Stocking to hands of purple mouse. Weave in all ends

## BROWN MICE

### HEAD (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Brown make 2ch
☐ Rnd 1: 6dc in second ch from hook. Six sts
☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
☐ Rnds 5-8: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 9: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 10: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 11: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end
Insert safety eyes between Rnds 8-9, approx eight sts apart

Stuff

☐ Rnd 13: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

## BODY (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Brown make 2ch

☐ Rnds 1-4: rep Rnds 1-4 of Head. 24 sts

☐ Rnds 5-6: 1dc in each st to end

Change to Blue (Sparkly Red)

☐ Rnds 7-10: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 11: (6dc, dc2tog) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 13: (5dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 14: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 15: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## EAR (MAKE 4)

Using 3mm hook and Brown make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 8dc in second ch from hook. Eight sts

☐ Rnd 2: 2dc in each st to end. 16 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## FOOT (MAKE 4)

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink make 5ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each ch to end. Four sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TAIL (MAKE 2)

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink make 16ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, sl st in each ch to end. 15 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## ARM (MAKE 4 – 2 IN EACH COLOUR)

Using 3mm hook and Blue (Sparkly Red) make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnds 2-8: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TREE

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1: 4dc in second ch from hook. Four sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Six sts

☐ Rnd 3 and every odd-numbered rnd: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 4: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

☐ Rnd 6: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 8: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 10: working in BLO, (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

Stuff

☐ Rnd 11: (dc2tog) to end. Five sts

Change to Brown

☐ Rnd 12: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

## STAR

Using 3mm hook and Orange make 2ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, (2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc in starting ch) four times, 2ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in top of first st

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## SCARF

Using 3mm hook and Orange make 32ch

☐ Row 1: starting in third ch from hook, 1htr in each st to end. 30 sts

Fasten off

## LIGHTS

Using 3mm hook and Jolly Green make 30ch

Fasten off

### Bulb (Make 4)

Using 3mm hook and Joyful Pink (Orange, Sparkly Red, Blue) join yarn five sts along ch, 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1ch, one sl st in same st

Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Finish stuffing Head and sew gap closed. Embroider nose with Joyful Pink. Stuff Body and sew to Head. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Feet, Arms and Tail to Body. Sew gap closed through BLO of Tree. Sew Star to top of Tree. Weave in all ends

DESIGNER **HANNAH COOPER**

# Gift bows

WHIP UP IN A JIFFY

If you savour the art of gift wrapping, you'll love these five designs that'll give your presents a crafty flourish

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: Red, Sapphire, Pink, Peppermint, Frosty Blue, True Ivy, Fair Fawn ★ 4mm hook ★ Tapestry needle ★ Stitch markers ★ Scissors

Width: Big bow, 16.5cm; Spotty bow, 12.5cm; Frilly bow, 11.5cm; Layered bow, 11.5cm; Striped bow, 7cm

## BIG BOW

### FIRST HALF

Using 4mm hook and Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Row 1: working in FLO, 3dc, pm in next st, turn
☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
☐ Row 4: 1ch, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 5: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 6: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Eight sts
☐ Rows 7-10: rep Rnd 3 four times
☐ Row 11: 1ch, (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, turn. Ten sts
☐ Rows 12-15: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 16: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) twice, 2dc, turn. Eight sts
☐ Rows 17-20: rep Rnd 3 four times
☐ Row 21: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 22: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 23: 1ch, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 24: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 25: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Three sts
☐ Row 26: 1ch, work in BLO of Rnd 1 and sts of Rnd 25 as folls: 3dc, turn
☐ Row 27: 1ch, working in FLO, 3dc, turn
☐ Row 28: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 29: 1ch, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 30: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 31: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Eight sts
☐ Row 32: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 33: 1ch, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 2dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, turn. 12 sts
☐ Row 34: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 35: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 8dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. 14 sts
☐ Rows 36-55: rep Rnd 3 20 times
☐ Row 56: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 8dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. 12 sts
☐ Row 57: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 58: 1ch, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 2dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, turn. Eight sts
☐ Row 59: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 60: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 61: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 62: 1ch, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 63: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Three sts
☐ Row 64: 1ch, work through BLO left from Row 27 and sts from Row 63 as folls: 3dc, turn
☐ Row 65: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 1tr, turn
☐ Row 66: 2ch (counts as 1tr), 2tr in next st, 1htr, 1dc, turn
☐ Row 67: rep Rnd 3
☐ Row 68: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, turn
☐ Row 69: 1ch, 4dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 70: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, turn. Seven sts
☐ Row 71: 1ch, 6dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Eight sts
☐ Row 72: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 7dc, turn. Nine sts
☐ Row 73: 1ch, 3dc, 3htr, 2tr, (1tr, 1dtr) in next st, turn. Ten sts
☐ Row 74: 2ch (counts as 1dtr), 2dtr in next st, 2tr, 3htr, 2dc, two sl sts, turn
☐ Row 75: 1ch, three sl sts, 3dc, 3htr, 1tr, (1tr, 1dtr) in next st
Fasten off

## IN STITCHES

**HTR POPCORN:** (yoh, insert hook in st, yoh, pull up a loop, yoh, pull through all loops) five times in same st, take loop off hook, insert hook in first htr, put loop back on hook and pull through htr

## WHY NOT TRY...

Sew one of these bows onto a hairband or hair clip and make it into an actual gift?

**Second half**

Using 4mm hook and Red rejoin yarn to marked st from First Half

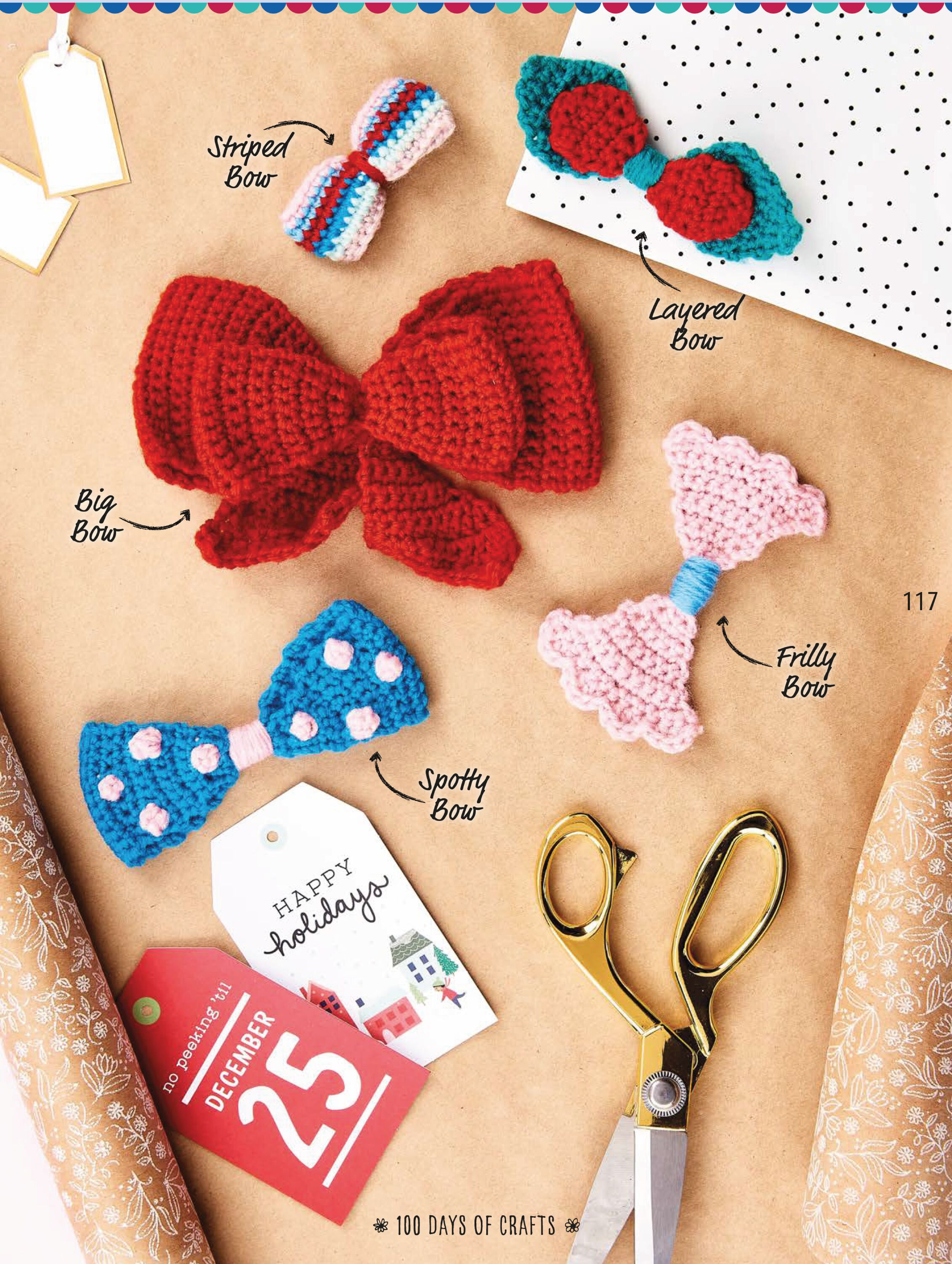
☐ Rows 1-64: rep Rows 1-64 of First Half
☐ Row 65: 2ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, turn
☐ Row 66: 1ch, 1dc, 1htr, 2tr in next st, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 67: 1ch, 4dc, turn
☐ Row 68: 1ch, 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Five sts
☐ Row 69: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 4dc, turn. Six sts
☐ Row 70: 1ch, 5dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Seven sts
☐ Row 71: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 6dc, turn. Eight sts
☐ Row 72: 1ch, 7dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Nine sts
☐ Row 73: 2ch (counts as 1dtr), (1dtr, 1tr) in next st, 2tr, 3htr, 3dc, turn. Ten sts
☐ Row 74: 1ch, two sl sts, 2dc, 3htr, 2tr, 2dtr in next st, turn. 11 sts
☐ Row 75: 2ch (counts as 1dtr), (2dtr, 1tr) in next st, 1tr, 3htr, 3dc, one sl st. 13 sts
Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold tails at back of Bow and sew so longer sides are on outer edge. Weave in all ends

> "The placement of the stitch markers is to help indicate where to start the second half of the bow; there is no need to use one when working the second half"

**HANNAH COOPER**
DESIGNER


Striped Bow
Layered Bow
Big Bow
Frilly Bow
Spotty Bow
HAPPY holidays
no peeking 'til
DECEMBER 25

## STRIPED BOW

Using 4mm hook and Fair Fawn make 30ch, sl st in first ch to make a ring

Work in foll one-row stripe sequence: Fair Fawn, Peppermint, Sapphire, Red, Frosty Blue, True Ivy, Pink

☐ Rows 1-7: 1ch, 30dc, sl st in first dc

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Wrap length of Red around middle and secure. Weave in all ends

## SPOTTY BOW

### FIRST HALF

Using 4mm hook and Sapphire make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Row 1: working in FLO, 3dc, pm in next st, turn

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Four sts

**NOTE:** colour in brackets foll instruction indicates which yarn to use

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 1dc (Sapphire), htr popcorn (Pink), 1dc in each st to end, turn (Sapphire)

☐ Row 4: 1ch, 1dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 1dc, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 6: 1ch, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, turn. Eight sts

☐ Row 7: rep Row 3

☐ Row 8: rep Row 5

☐ Row 9: 1ch, 6dc (Sapphire), htr popcorn (Pink), 1dc, turn (Sapphire)

☐ Row 10: rep Row 5

☐ Row 11: 1ch, 2dc, 2dc in next st (Sapphire), htr popcorn (Pink), 1dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc, turn (Sapphire). Ten sts

☐ Rows 12-15: rep Row 5 four times

☐ Row 16: 1ch, (2dc, dc2tog) twice, 2dc, turn. Eight sts

☐ Rows 17-20: rep Row 5 four times

☐ Row 21: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 22: rep Row 5

☐ Row 23: 1ch, 1dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, turn. Four sts

☐ Row 24: rep Row 5

☐ Row 25: 1ch, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 26: 1ch, work in BLO of Row 1 and sts of Row 25 as folls: 3dc

Fasten off

### Second half

Using 4mm hook and Sapphire rejoin yarn to marked st from First Half

☐ Row 1: working in FLO, 1ch, 3dc, turn

☐ Rows 2-26: rep Rows 2-26 of First Half

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew last row of each side tog. Wrap length of Pink around middle and secure. Weave in all ends

## LAYERED BOW

### FIRST FRONT HALF

Using 4mm hook and Red make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

☐ Row 1: working in FLO, 3dc, pm in next st and in BLO of first st, turn

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 4: rep Row 2

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Seven sts

☐ Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 7: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 8: 1ch, dc3tog. One st

Fasten off

### Second front half

Using 4mm hook and Red rejoin yarn to marked st from First Half Front Row 1: working in FLO, 1ch, 3dc, pm in back loop left from first st, turn

☐ Rows 2-8: rep Rows 2-8 of First Front Half

Fasten off

### First back half

Using 4mm hook and True Ivy rejoin yarn to back loop marked in First Front Half, 1ch, 3dc, turn

☐ Row 1: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 2 and every even-numbered row: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Seven sts

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Nine sts

☐ Row 7: 1ch, dc2tog, 5dc, dc2tog, turn. Seven sts

☐ Row 9: 1ch, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 11: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. Three sts

☐ Row 12: 1ch, dc3tog. One st

Fasten off

### Second back half

Using 4mm hook and True Ivy rejoin yarn to back loop marked from Second Front Half, 1ch, 3dc, turn

☐ Rows 1-12: rep Rows 1-12 of First Back Half

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Wrap length of True Ivy around middle and secure. Weave in all ends

## FRILLY BOW

### FIRST HALF

Using 4mm hook and Pink make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, turn. Six sts

☐ Row 1: 3dc, pm in next st, turn

☐ Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Five sts

☐ Row 4: rep Row 2

☐ Row 5: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Seven sts

☐ Rows 6-7: rep Row 2 twice

☐ Row 8: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, turn. Nine sts

☐ Row 9: rep Row 2

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, turn. 12 sts

☐ Row 11: 1ch, ([1dc, 1htr] in next st, 1tr, 1htr, one sl st) to end

Fasten off

### Second half

Using 4mm hook and Pink rejoin yarn to marked st from First Half

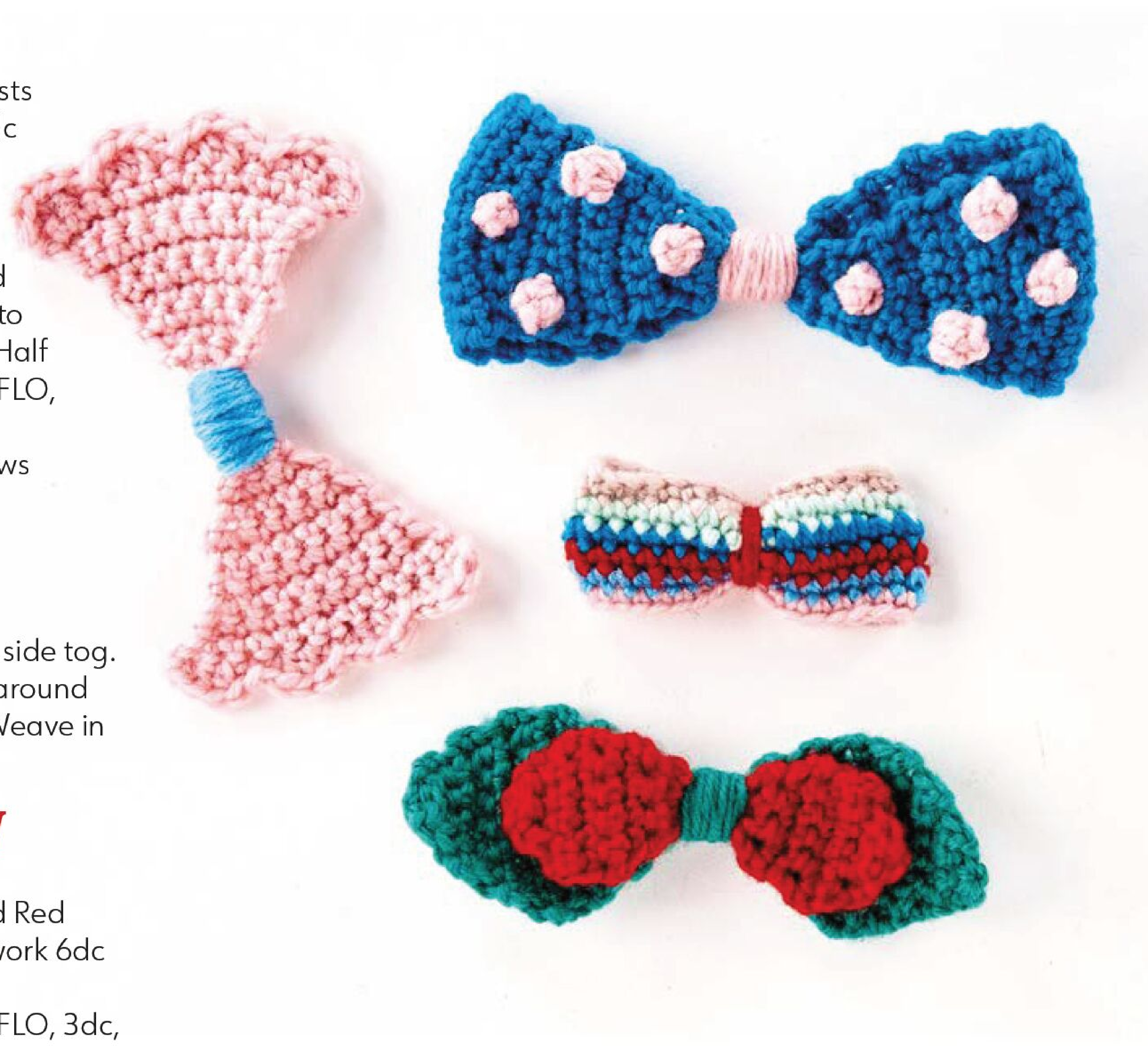
☐ Row 1: 1ch, 3dc, turn

☐ Rows 2-11: rep Rows 2-11 of First Half

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Wrap length of Frosty Blue around middle and secure. Weave in all ends



DESIGNER **CORINNE BRADD**

# Pom-pom reindeer

You could wind enough pom-poms for just one of these reindeer, but why stop there when you could craft the whole gang?

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn ★ Felt ★ Pom-pom makers: 5.5cm, 7.5cm ★ Chenille stems ★ Safety nose, 10mm ★ Safety eyes, 8mm ★ Gold braid ★ Pins ★ Adhesive ★ Scissors

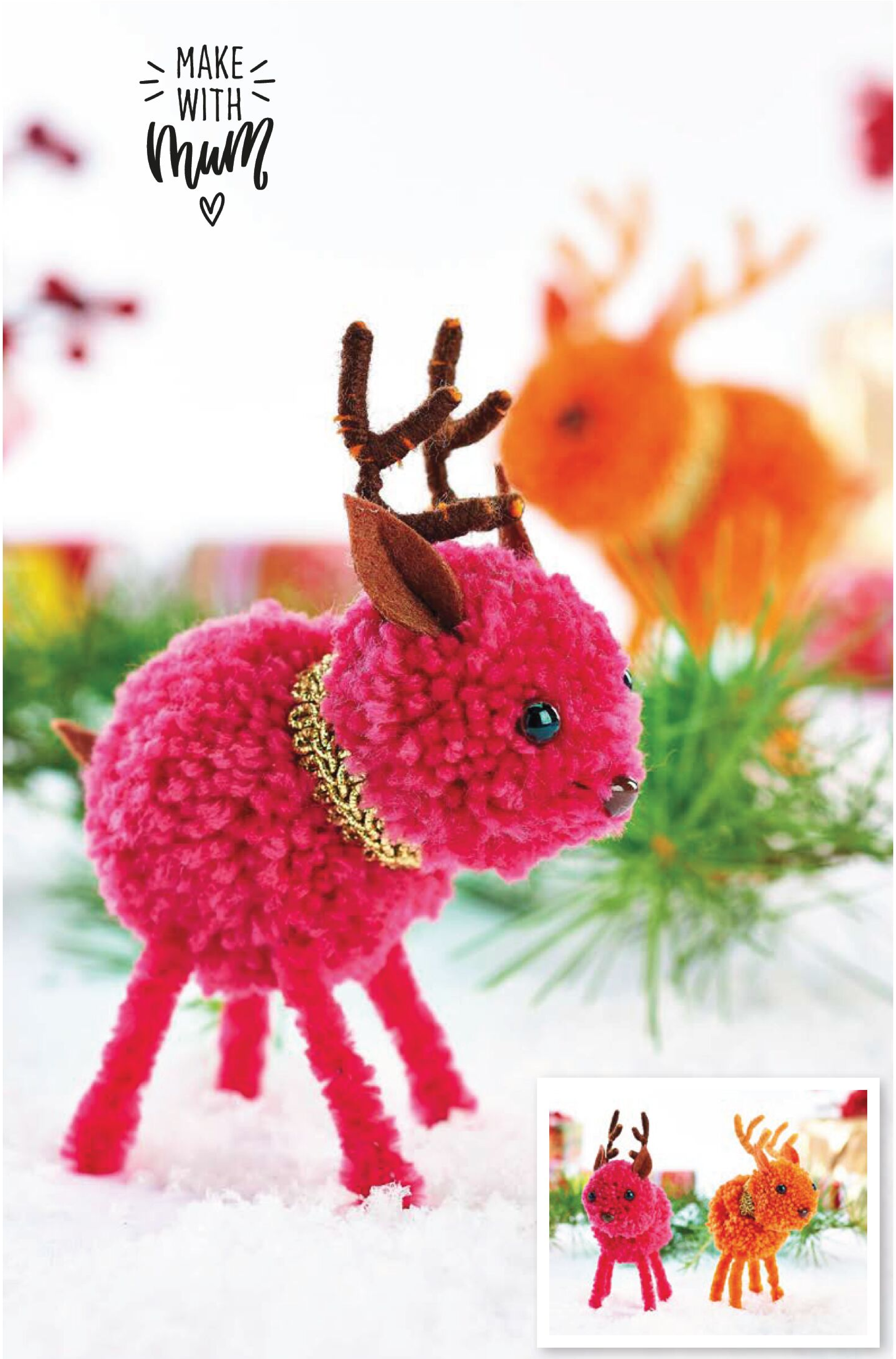
1 Wrap both the 5.5cm and 7.5cm pom-pom makers with the chosen yarn colour. Clip, tie and trim the smaller sphere as normal but leave the larger pom-pom maker open.

2 Take two chenille stems in the same colour, fold in half and bring each point to the middle to eliminate sharp ends. Twist the stems to make legs and slip them into the centre of the pom-pom maker as you close it. Clip, tie and trim the larger pom-pom, leaving the legs to extend from the middle.

3 Tie the small pom-pom to the larger one so the reindeer stands up. Taper the the smaller pom-pom to a gradual point. Glue a safety nose in place, then add safety eyes, using pins to determine their position before adhering.

4 Cut two ear shapes and a tail from felt. Fold the ears in half and glue the bottom edge so they stay folded before fixing into the head. Attach the tail piece. Wrap a 12cm length of gold braid around the neck, then glue the ends together.

5 Cut a chenille stem in half and bend each piece into an antler shape – do this simultaneously to ensure they are the same shape. Wrap the antlers with yarn. Use tacky glue at the tip of each prong to stop the yarn slipping off the end then fix into the top of the head, just behind the ears.



DESIGNER **LIZ WARD**

# Crocheted scene

Create a Christmas classic with this fabulous ten-piece nativity set

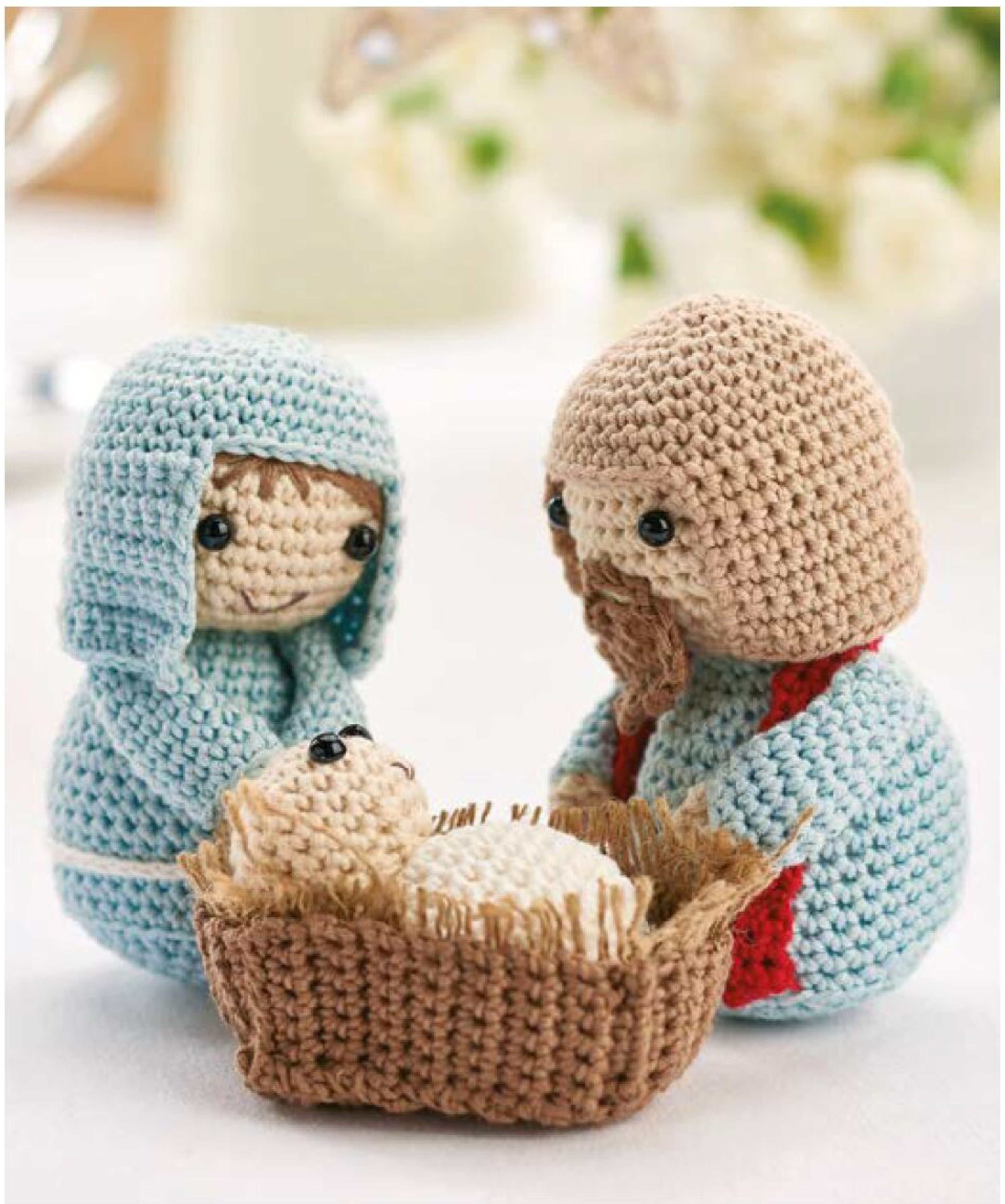
## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Drops Safran 4ply cotton, shades (A) 18 Off White, (B) 50 Light Ice Blue, (C) 17 White, (D) 21 Beige, (E) 22 Light Brown, (F) 19 Red, (G) 23 Brown, (H) 30 Turquoise, (I) 11 Strong Yellow, (J) 31 Lime, (K) 15 Dark Heather, (L) 53 Light Purple, one 50g ball of each ★ Hook: 3.5mm ★ Safety toy eyes: 6mm, 18 ★ Tapestry needle ★ Safety toy stuffing ★ Sewing needle and thread ★ Stitch marker ★ Bead: gold ★ Buttons: toggle, purple, brown ★ Trims: ric-rac, 25cm, braid, 20cm ★ Fabric glue ★ Pipe cleaner ★ Hessian fabric: 10cm x 12cm

Adults: 11cm tall; sheep: 7cm long; Jesus: 7cm tall; manger: 2.5cm tall x 7cm long x 5cm wide

## TENSION SQUARE

★ 12 sts x 13 rows
★ 10cm x 10cm
★ Double crochet
★ 3.5mm hook



## MARY

### HEAD & BODY

**NOTE:** start at the head

Using 3.5mm crochet hook and yarn A, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Pull yarn tail to close ring

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnds 6-10: 1dc in each st to end, pm in Rnd 8

☐ Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

☐ Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 13: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

Affix safety toy eyes on marked rnd placing them seven sts apart

☐ Rnd 14: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Stuff head

Change to yarn B for body

☐ Rnd 15: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 16: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

☐ Rnd 17: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 18: (5dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 21 sts

☐ Rnds 19-23: cont to inc as set, working one more dc before each inc, until there are 36 sts

☐ Rnds 24-30: 1dc in each st to end

Work through back loop only as folls:

☐ Rnd 31: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

Work through both loops as normal as folls:

☐ Rnd 32: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 33: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 34: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

Stuff body

☐ Rnd 35: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off, leaving a tail

Using a tapestry needle, weave tail around last rnd, pull tight to gather and secure

### ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in first st, 1dc in each st to end. Seven sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnds 3-10: rep Rows 1-2 four times. 11 sts

☐ Rnd 11: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Attach Arms to body

### HANDS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 8dc in ring

☐ Rnds 1-2: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Sew Hands partly inside Arms

### BELT

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C, make 36ch

Fasten off

Wrap Belt around body and secure

### SHORT HEADDRESS

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn B, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

☐ Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30sts

☐ Rnd 5: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

☐ Rnd 6: (11dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 39 sts

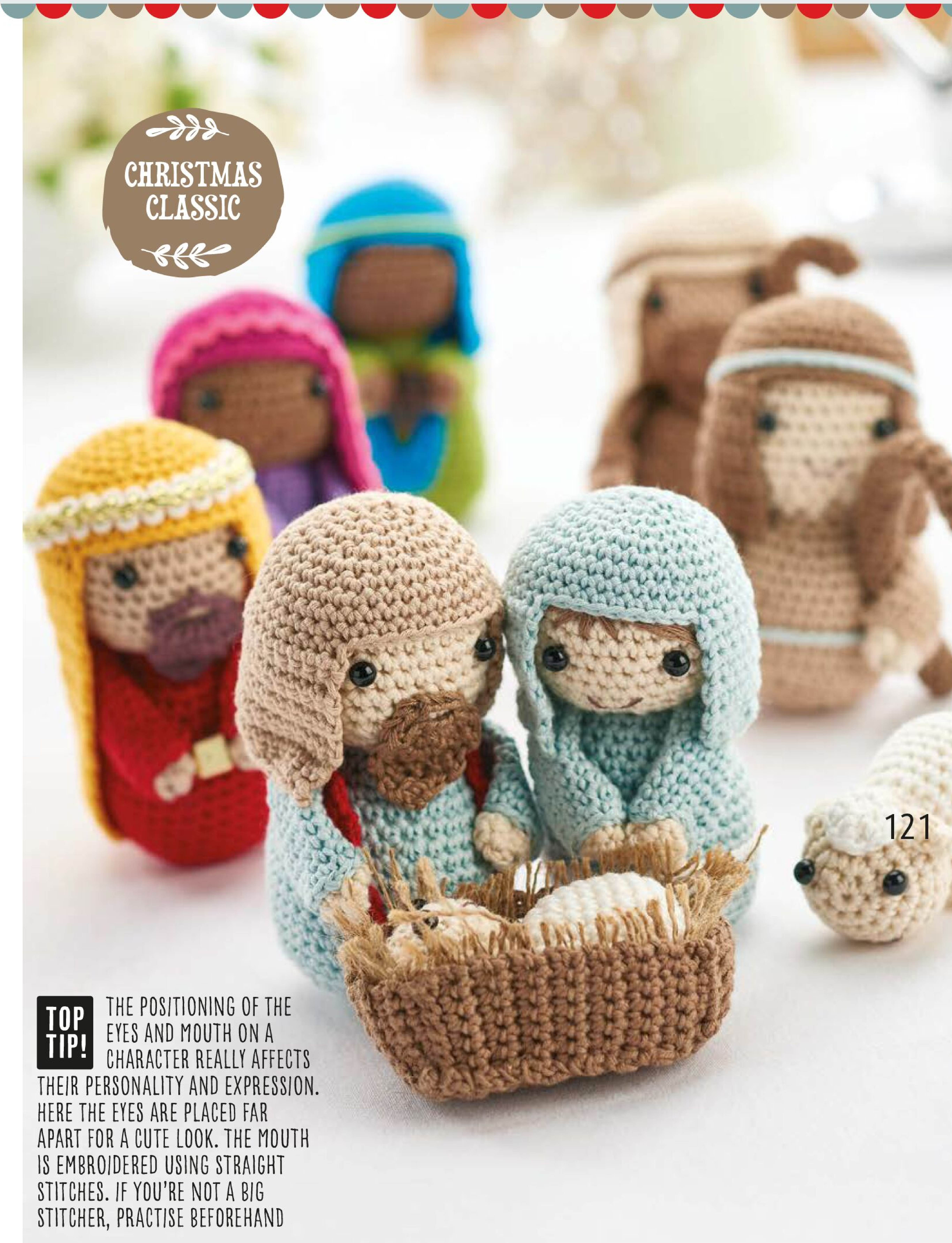
☐ Rnds 7-8: 1dc in each st to end

☐ Rnd 9: 30dc, turn

Work on these 30 sts only

☐ Rows 10-16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 17: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, do not turn



CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

**TOP TIP!** THE POSITIONING OF THE EYES AND MOUTH ON A CHARACTER REALLY AFFECTS THEIR PERSONALITY AND EXPRESSION. HERE THE EYES ARE PLACED FAR APART FOR A CUTE LOOK. THE MOUTH IS EMBROIDERED USING STRAIGHT STITCHES. IF YOU'RE NOT A BIG STITCHER, PRACTISE BEFOREHAND

Fasten off
Sew headdress in place, securing to Arms with a few sts

### TO MAKE UP

Embroider mouth using two straight stitches. Using yarn E, embroider straight stitches to make a fringe poking out from headdress

## JOSEPH

### HEAD & BODY

**NOTE:** start at the head
Work Head and Body, Arms and Hands as for Mary

### SHORT HEADDRESS

Using yarn D, work as for Mary

### BEARD

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make 16ch, sl st in first ch to make a loop
☐ Row 1: 1ch, 1dc in next seven ch, turn
Work on these seven sts only
☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to end, turn. Four sts
☐ Row 5: 1ch, (dc2tog) twice, turn. Two sts
☐ Row 6: 1ch, dc2tog. One st
Fasten off

### SCARF

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn F, make four ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. Three sts
☐ Row 2-39: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
☐ Row 40: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, do not turn
Fasten off
Place around Joseph's neck and sew in place

### TO MAKE UP

Attach Beard to face. Wrap Scarf around neck, and stitch to ridge round on body

## BABY JESUS

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring
☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
☐ Rnd 3-5: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 6: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Affix safety toy eyes on Rnd 4 placing them five sts apart and stuff head
☐ Rnd 7: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Change to yarn C
☐ Rnd 8: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rnd 9: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end 18 sts
☐ Rnds 10-15: 1dc in each st to end
☐ Rnd 16: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts
Stuff body
☐ Rnd 17: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts
Fasten off
Embroider mouth using two straight stitches

## MANGER

### BASE

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make 13ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. 12 sts
☐ Rows 2-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
☐ Row 16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, do not turn
Fasten off

### LONG SIDES (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make seven ch
☐ Row 1: 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end. Six sts
☐ Row 2-15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
☐ Row 16: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
Fasten off

### SHORT SIDES (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make seven ch

☐ Rows 1-9: work as for Long sides

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Sew short edges of Long and Short sides together, then sew to Base. Fray edges of hessian fabric and place in Manger. Place Baby Jesus in Manger

## SHEEP

### HEAD & BODY

Make as for Baby Jesus, attaching eyes on Rnd 3and placing them seven sts apart

### HAIR

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn C, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts

☐ Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Fasten off

Sew to top of Head

### EARS (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn A, make six ch

☐ Sl st in second ch from hook, 1dc in next two sts, 2htr in next two sts

Fasten off

Attach to Sheep's Head

### FEET (MAKE 4)

Make as for Mary's hands Sew in place on underside of Sheep. Embroider mouth using straight stitches

## SHEPHERDS

### HEADBAND (MAKE 1 IN YARN A & 1 IN YARN B)

Make as for Mary's belt

### CROOK (MAKE 2)

Using 3.5mm hook and yarn E, make a magic ring

☐ Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts

☐ Rnds 1-35: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Pull yarn tail from magic ring to close hole, insert pipe cleaner. Sew other end closed. Bend pipe cleaner into crook shape

### FIRST SHEPHERD

Foll instructions as for Mary work as folls:

Make Head in yarn A, change to yarn D for body. Make Arms in yarn D and Hands in yarn A. Make Short headdress in yarn E. Make Belt in yarn B. Tie Headband around headdress and insert Crook between Arm and body

### SECOND SHEPHERD

Foll instructions as for Joseph Make Beard in yarn E.

Foll instructions as for Mary, work as folls:

Make Head in yarn D, change to yarn E for body. Make Arms in yarn E and Hands in yarn D Make Short headdress in yarn A. Make Belt in yarn E. Tie Headband around headdress. Insert Crook between Arm and body. Attach Beard to face

## KINGS

### LONG HEADDRESS

Work as for Mary's Short headdress to Rnd 9

Work on these 30 sts only

☐ Rows 10-29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 30: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

Attach to Head, slip stitch bottom edge to ridge round of Body

### RED KING

Foll instructions as for Joseph, work as folls:

Make Beard in yarn G. Make Long headdress in yarn I

Foll instructions as for Mary, work as folls:

Make Head in yarn D, change to yarn F for body. Make Arms in yarn F and Hands in yarn A. Sew braid around headdress. Sew gold bead between hands, gluing to secure

### GREEN KING

Foll instructions as for Joseph work as folls:

Make Scarf in yarn H

Foll instructions as for Mary, work as folls:

Make Head in yarn E, change to yarn J for body. Make Arms in yarn J and Hands in yarn E. Make Short headdress in yarn H and Headband in yarn J. Wrap Scarf around neck and sew to ridge round of Body, meeting at centre. Tie Headband to headdress. Sew toggle button between hands, gluing to secure

### PURPLE KING

Make Long headdress in yarn K

Foll instructions as for Mary, work as folls:

Make Head in yarn E, change to yarn L for body. Make Arms in yarn L and Hands in yarn E Make Belt in yarn B. Sew or glue ric-rac around headdress. Wrap yarn K around toggle button and sew between Hands, gluing to secure

### IN STITCHES

The figures in this nativity set are all worked in a continuous spiral, so you do not need to finish each round with a slip stitch. Remember to place a lockable stitch marker in the first stitch of every round so you know where you started!

DESIGNER **JACKIE CARREIRA**

# Gift tags

You can't beat a mini make and our adorable tags are the ultimate way to bring a crafty dimension to your presents

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn: Purple, Pink, Green, Yellow, Red ★ 4mm hook ★ Baker's twine ★ Tapestry needle ★ Scissors

Fir Tree height: 8.5cm. Bauble height: 11cm. Stocking height: 11.5cm. Mini Jumper width: 13cm. Star height: 6cm

## BAUBLE

**NOTE:** join end of each rnd with a sl st

Using 4mm hook and Purple make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1 (RS): 1ch, 6dc into ring

☐ Rnds 2-3: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 24 sts

Change to Red

☐ Rnd 4: 3ch (counts as 1tr), beg cl (see Panel) in same place, 2ch, miss next st, (cl in next dc, 2ch, miss next dc) to end. 12 clusters made

Attach Yellow to any 2ch sp

☐ Rnd 5: 3ch (counts as 1tr), beg cl in same 2ch sp, 3ch, (cl in next 2ch sp, 3ch) to end

☐ Rnd 6: 1ch, 3dc in top of beg cl, 3dc in next 3ch sp, (3dc in top of next cl, 3dc in next 3ch sp) to end

☐ Next row: 1ch, 4dc, turn, leave rest of rnd unworked

☐ Rows 2-3: rep previous row twice

Fasten off

## STOCKING

**NOTE:** join end of each rnd with a sl st

Using 4mm hook and Pink make 2ch

☐ Rnd 1 (RS): starting in second ch from hook, 6dc. Six sts

☐ Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

☐ Rnd 3: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Change to Red

☐ Rnds 4-7: 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr in each st to end. 18 sts

**NOTE:** now working heel, next two rnds are worked across only some sts in row

Change to Pink, do not cut Red

☐ Rows 8-9: 1ch, 1dc in same place as 1ch, 1htr, 6tr, 1htr, 1dc, turn leaving rem sts unworked

Change to Red, cut Pink

☐ Rnd 10: 3ch (counts as 1tr), miss first dc, 1tr in first htr, 6tr, 1tr in next htr, 1tr in next dc, 8tr. 18 sts

☐ Rnds 11-14: rep Rnd 4 four times

Change to Pink

☐ Rnd 15: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end. 18 sts

Fasten off

## FIR TREE

### TRUNK

Using 4mm hook and Purple make 6ch

☐ Row 1 (WS): starting in second ch from hook, 5dc. Five sts

☐ Rows 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fasten off

### TREE

Using 4mm hook and Green make 5ch

☐ Row 1 (WS): 1dc in each dc of Row 4 of Trunk, 6ch, turn

☐ Row 2: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each of next 5ch, 1dc in each of next 5dc, 1dc in each of last 5ch, turn. 15 sts

☐ Row 3: 1ch, dc2tog, 1dc in each st to last two sts, dc2tog, turn. 13 sts

☐ Rows 4-8: rep Row 3 five times. Three sts

☐ Row 9: 1ch, dc3tog, turn

☐ Row 10: 1ch, 1dc in top of dc3tog

Fasten off

### EDGE

Using 4mm hook and with RS facing join Red to last dc at top of Tree. Work one row of dc evenly around Tree and Trunk, working 3dc in every outside corner. Join with a sl st to first dc

Fasten off

## STAR

Using 4mm hook and Yellow make 4ch, join with a sl st to make a ring

☐ Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as first tr), 14tr into ring, join with a sl st to top of 3ch

☐ Rnd 2: (3ch, tr2tog, 3ch, sl st through top front loops of tr2tog just made, 3ch, sl st in next dc) to end, working last sl st in same place as base of 3ch at start of rnd

Fasten off

## MINI JUMPER

### JUMPER

Using 4mm hook and Green make 12ch

☐ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. 11 sts

☐ Rows 2-7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Change to Red

☐ Row 8: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr in each st to end, turn

Change to Green

☐ Row 9: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, working last dc in top of 3ch from last row, 8ch, turn. 11dc, 8ch

☐ Row 10: starting in second ch from hook, sl st across next 7ch and next 11dc, 8ch, turn

☐ Row 11: starting in second ch from hook, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts

☐ Rows 12-14: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Row 15: 1ch, 10dc, 5ch, miss next five dc (for neck opening), 1dc in each st to end, turn

☐ Rows 16-20: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn. 25 sts

☐ Row 21: sl st across first 7dc, 1ch, 11dc, turn leaving last seven sts unworked. 11 sts

☐ Row 22: rep Row 8

☐ Rows 23-29: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Fold Jumper in half along neck opening with RS facing inwards, sl st front and back tog along sides of jumper body and bottom of sleeves

Fasten off

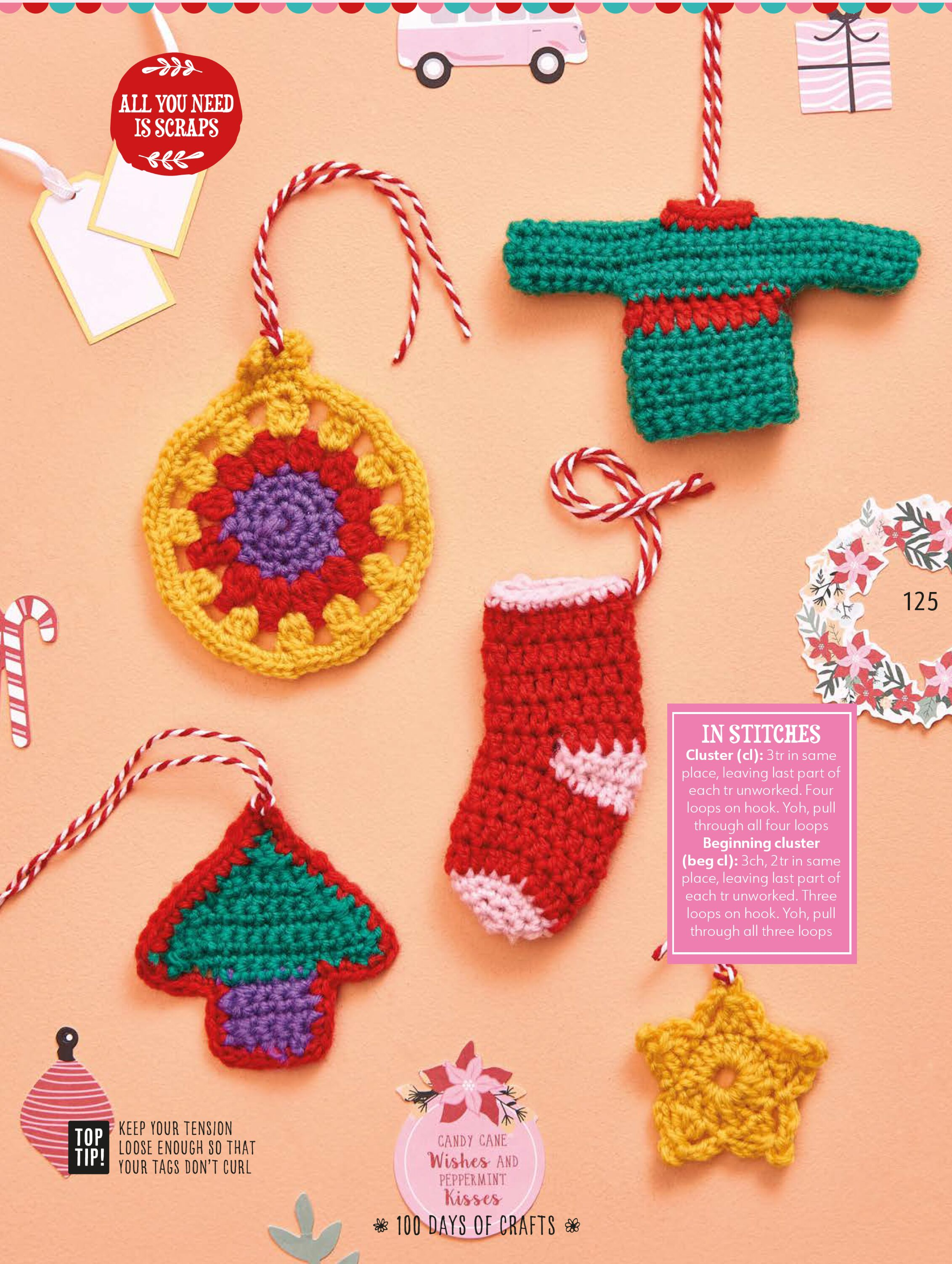
### COLLAR

Join Red to centre back of neck opening. Work one row of dc around opening

Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Cut baker's twine to required length, tie to middle of last row/rnd of each tag. Leave ends open to tie tag to gift. Alternatively, use contrast yarn to make ch and tie to top of each tag. Weave in all ends



**ALL YOU NEED IS SCRAPS**

## IN STITCHES

**Cluster (cl):** 3tr in same place, leaving last part of each tr unworked. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all four loops

**Beginning cluster (beg cl):** 3ch, 2tr in same place, leaving last part of each tr unworked. Three loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all three loops

**TOP TIP!** KEEP YOUR TENSION LOOSE ENOUGH SO THAT YOUR TAGS DON'T CURL

DESIGNER **KATH WEBBER**

# Geometric bag

Keep gifts safe and sound in this keepsake creation based on a Scandinavian fir tree design

## KIT LIST

★ Yarn, DK: white, green, red ★ 3.5mm hook ★ Tape measure ★ Scissors ★ Tapestry needle

Using Green and 3.5mm hook, make 64ch. Join using sl st to form a loop and leave a long tail for sewing up

☐ Rnds 1-32: 1ch (does not count as dc), 1dc into each ch around. Sl st to join to first dc. 64 sts. Cont working pattern in dc, foll Chart for colour changes. Rep Chart twice around the dc loop

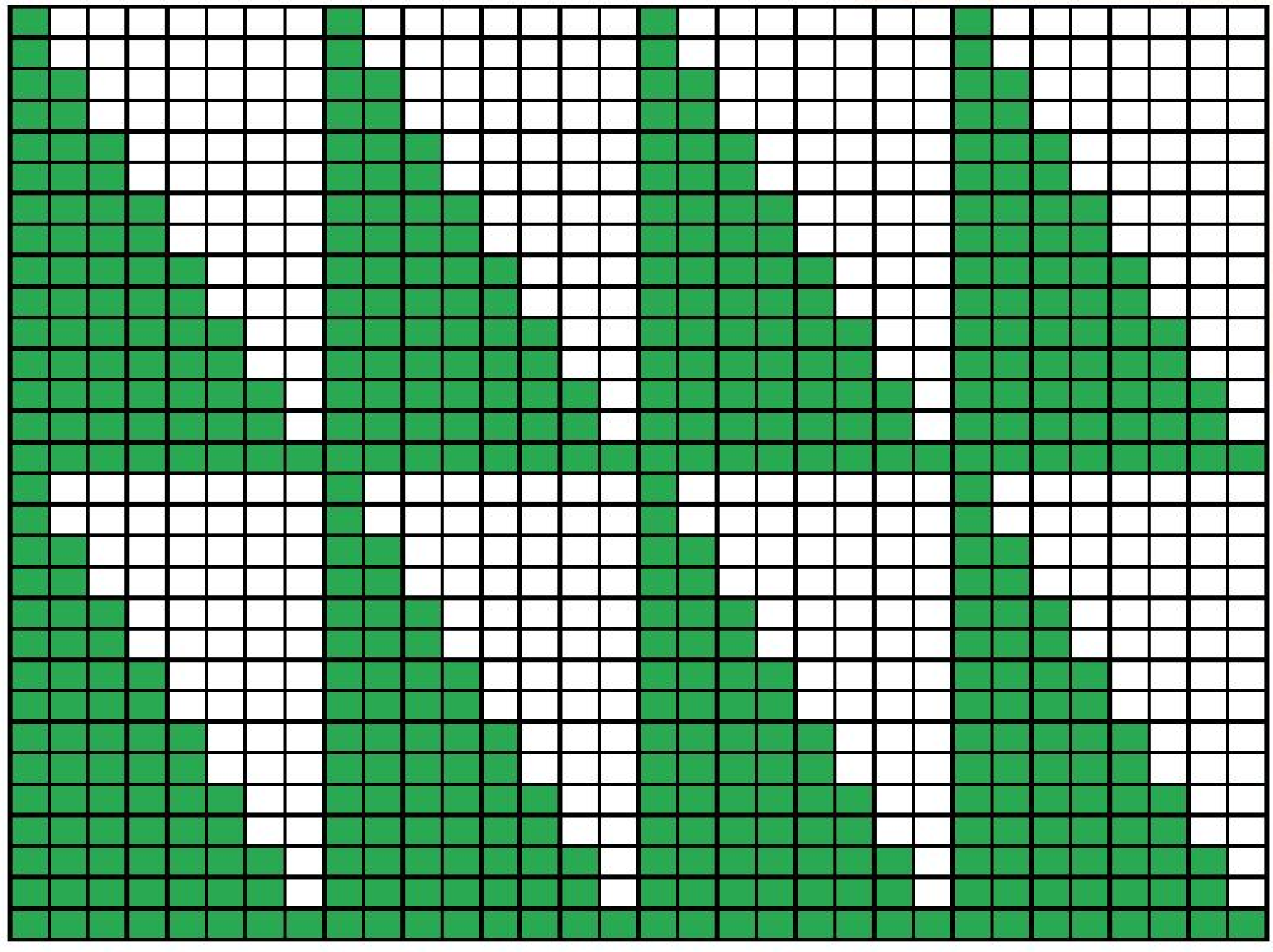
☐ Rnds 33- 35: Using Green, 1ch (does not count as dc) 1dc into each st around, sl st to join

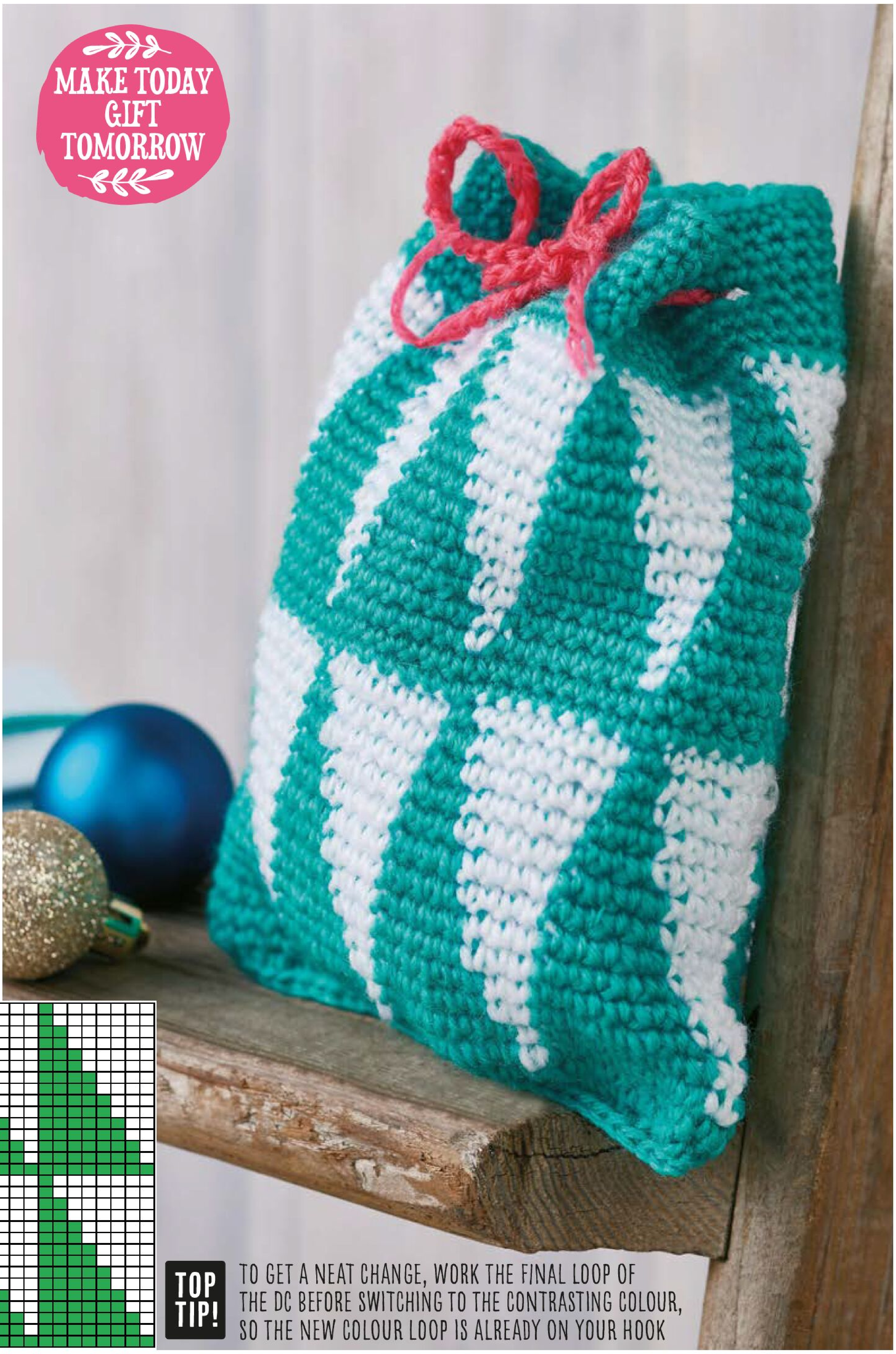
☐ Rnd 36: 1ch, (1dc into each of next 5sts, 3ch, skip three) eight times, join with sl st to first dc

☐ Rnds 37-38: 1ch, 1dc into each st around, sl st to join Fasten off and weave in ends

## TO MAKE UP

Using Red yarn, make 60ch for the drawstring. Using tail of Green from foundation chain, stitch bottom of the bag closed, weave in ends





MAKE TODAY GIFT TOMORROW

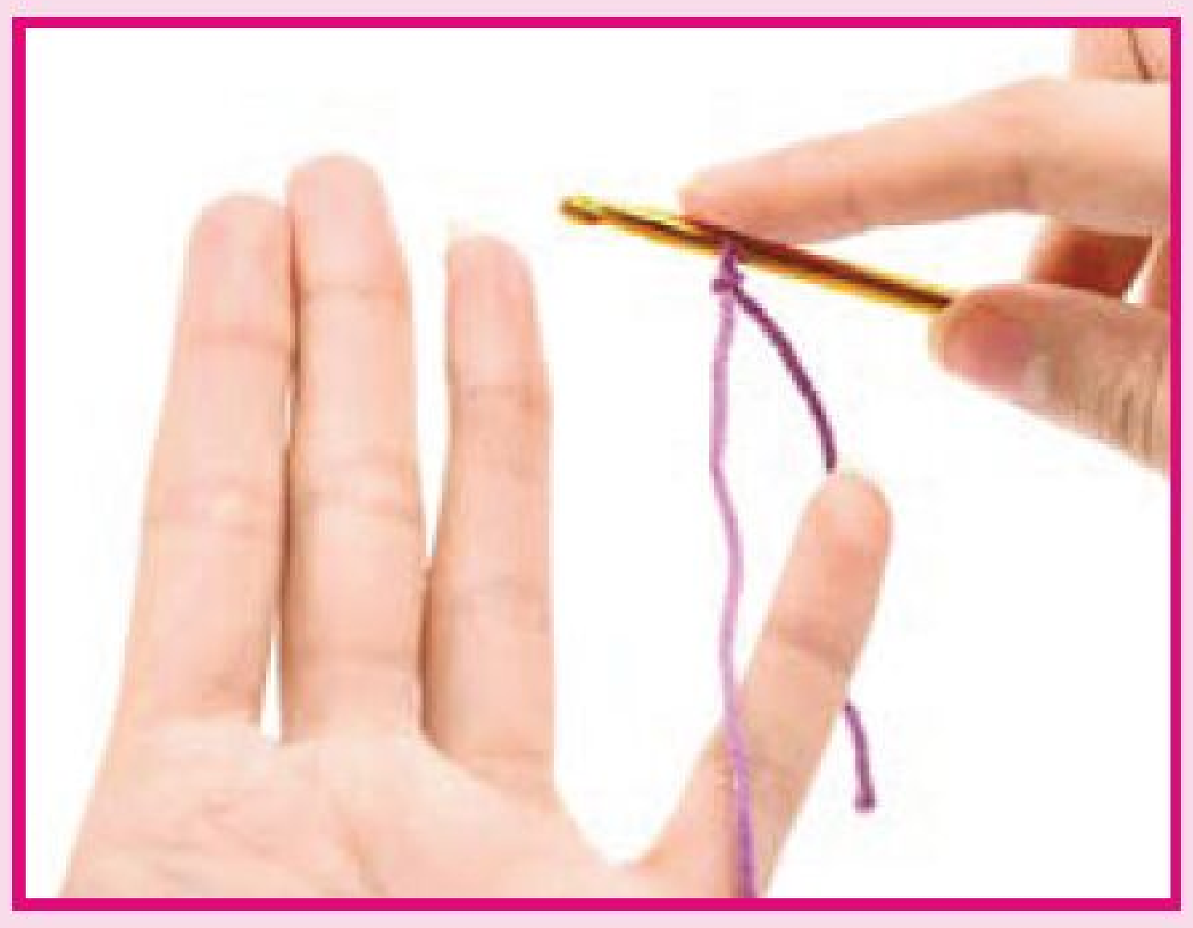
**TOP TIP!** TO GET A NEAT CHANGE, WORK THE FINAL LOOP OF THE DC BEFORE SWITCHING TO THE CONTRASTING COLOUR, SO THE NEW COLOUR LOOP IS ALREADY ON YOUR HOOK

# HOW TO CROCHET

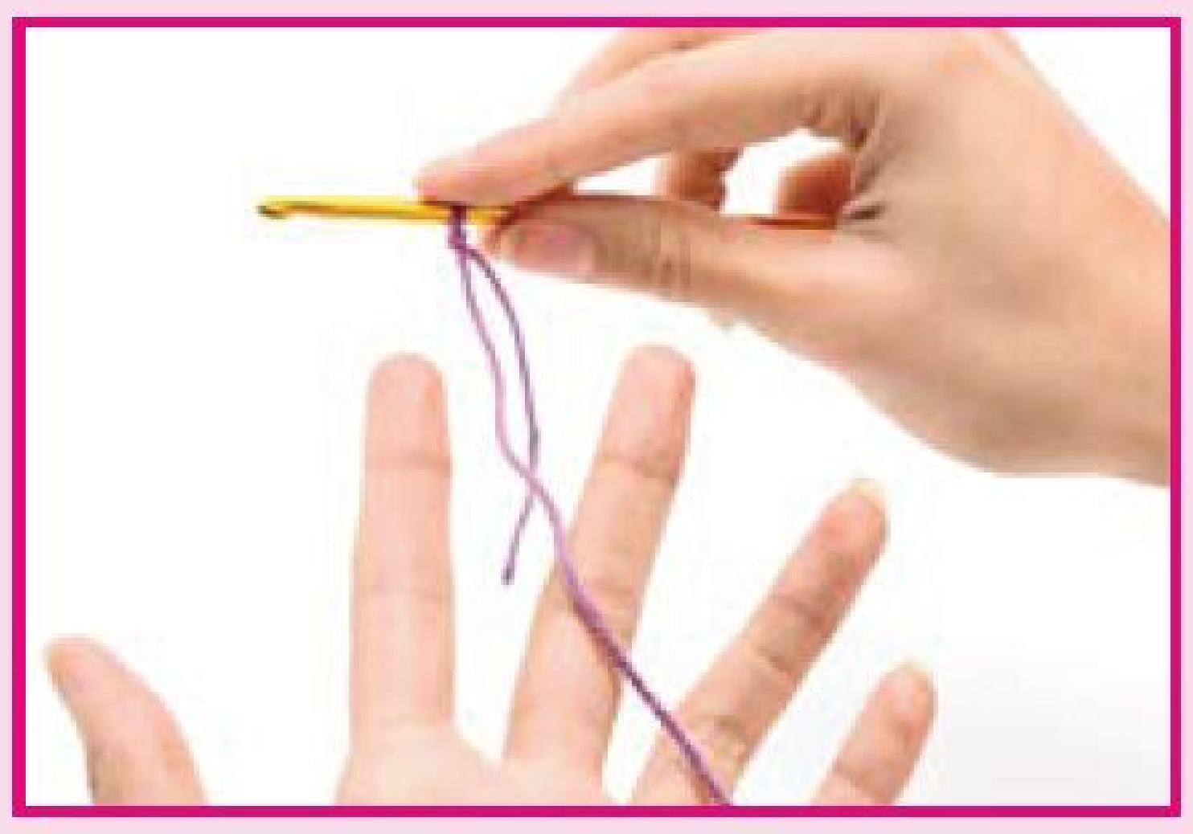
Essential tips and techniques for all your crochet projects

## HOLDING THE YARN

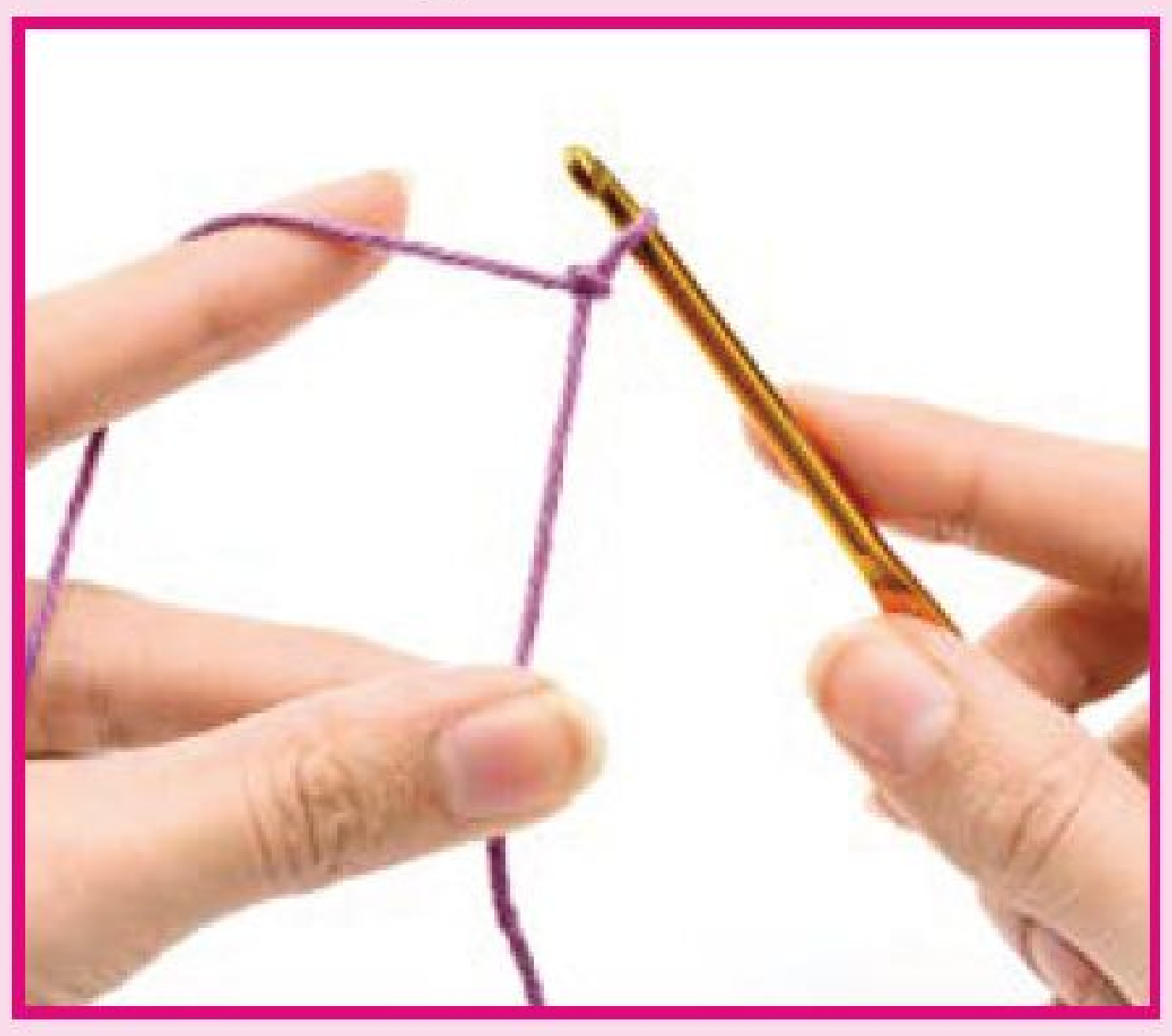
**There are many ways of tensioning the yarn in crochet, and this is one**



**Step 1:** make a slip knot (see opposite page) on the hook. Take the yarn between your ring and little finger



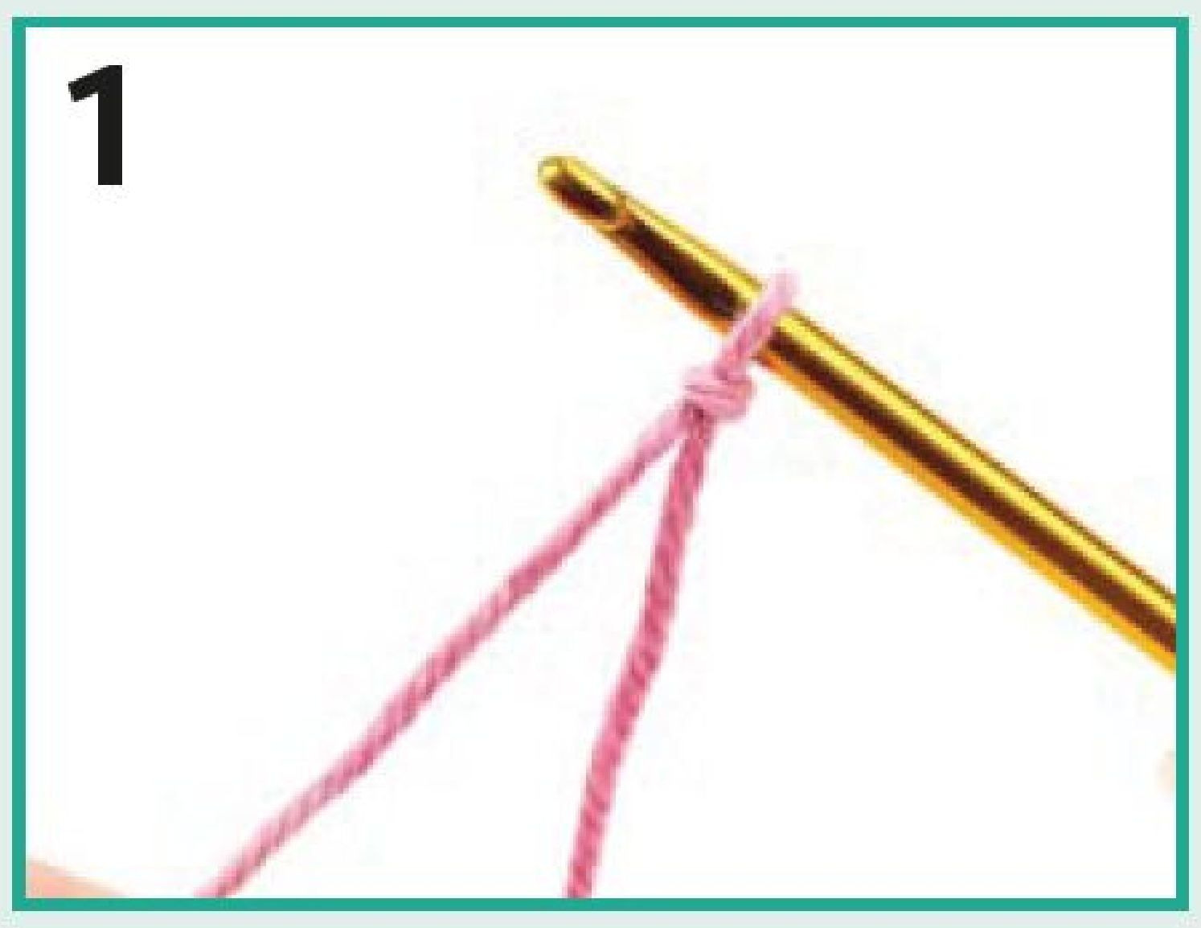
**Step 2:** wrap the yarn around your little finger and take it between your index and middle finger



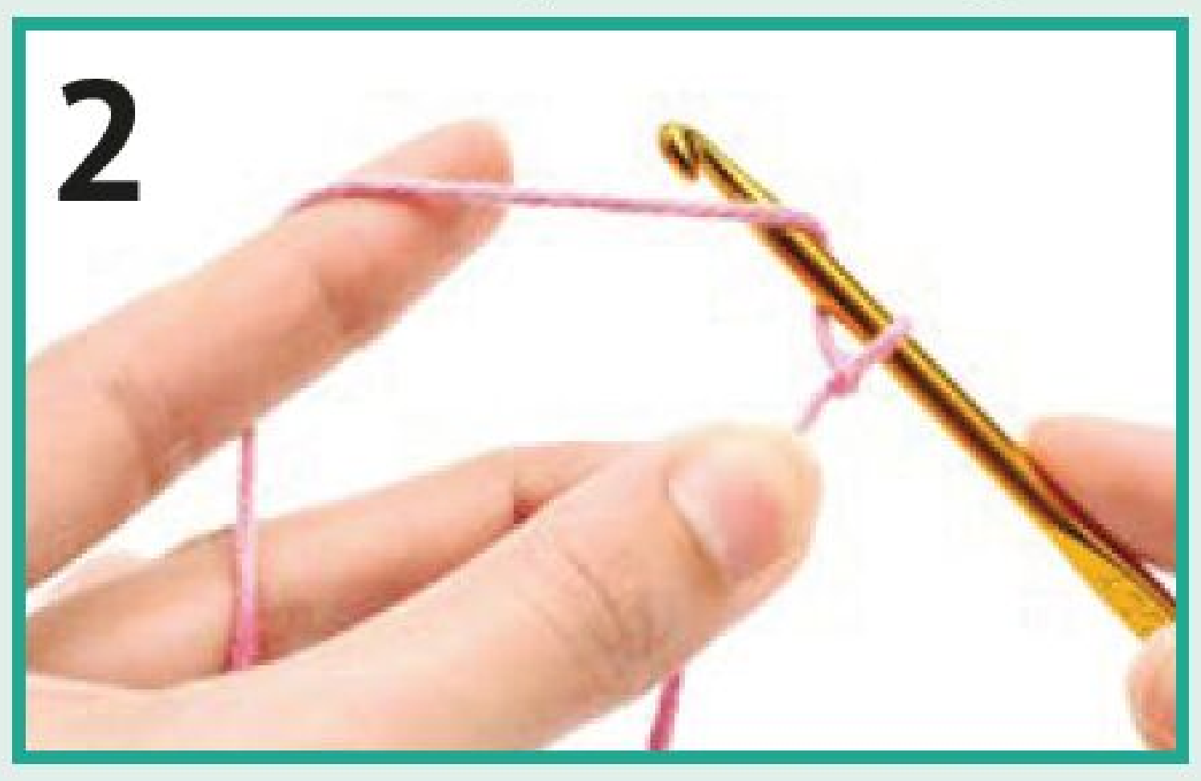
**Step 3:** bring the yarn in front of your index finger to tension it, and grip the work with your thumb and middle finger

## FOUNDATION CHAIN

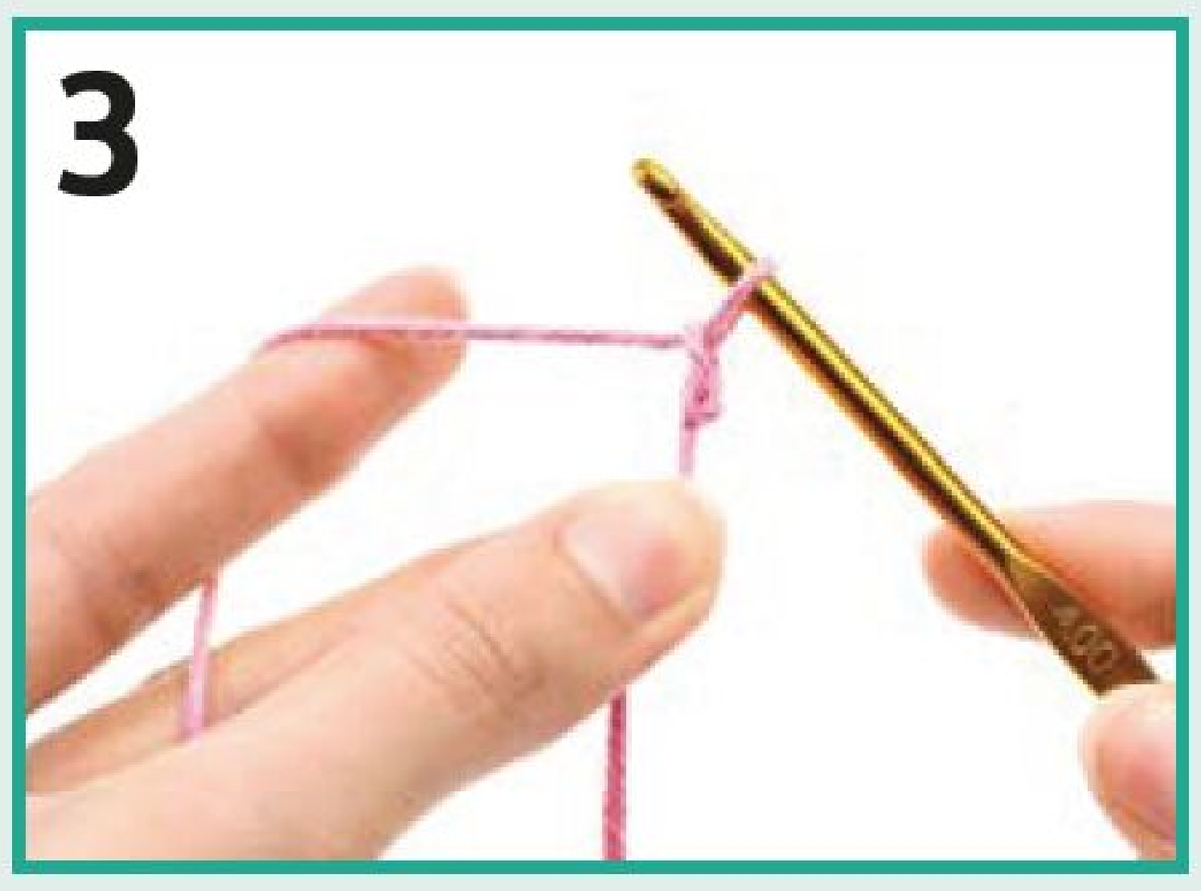
**This forms the base of most crochet projects and will get you used to the movement**



**Step 1:** make a slip knot (see opposite) and place it on the hook – don't pull it too tight



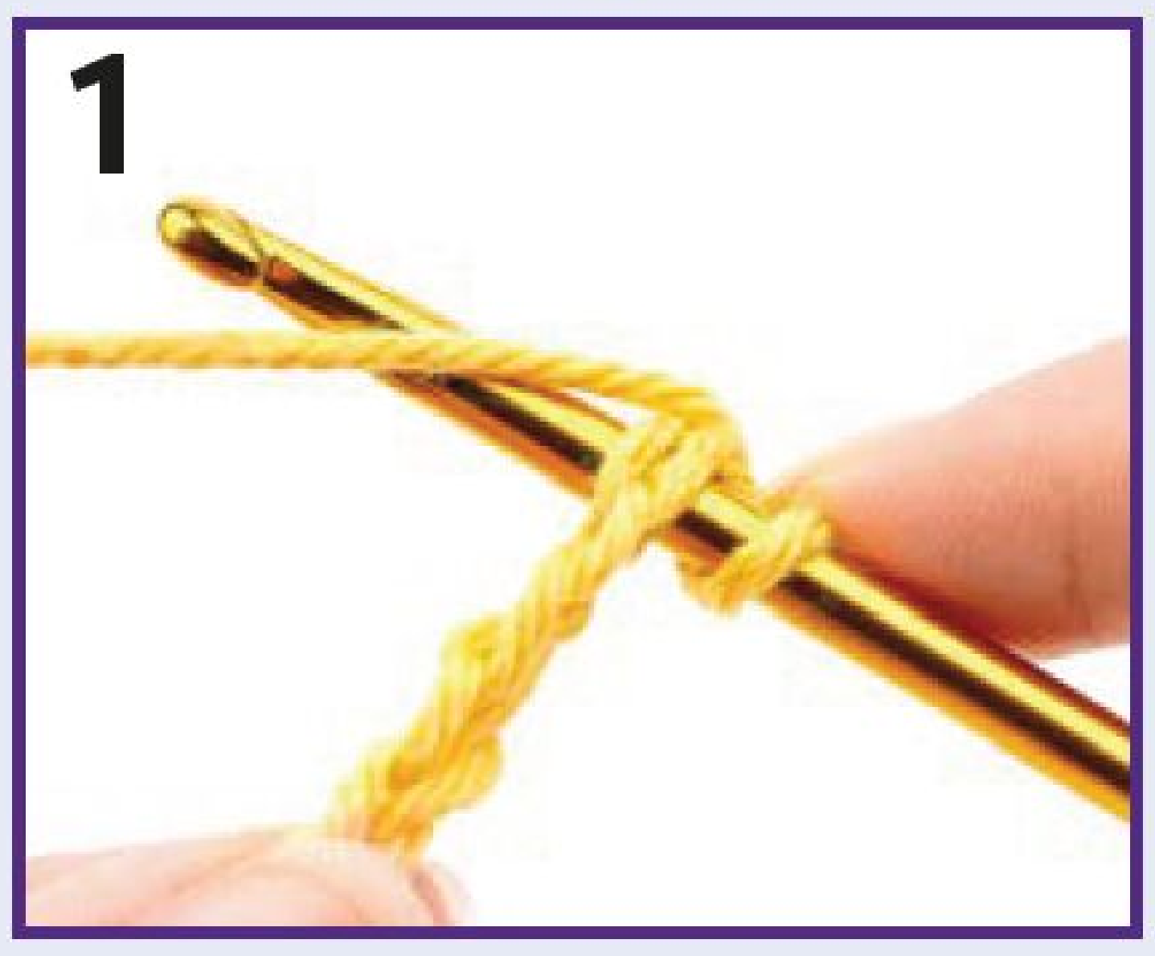
**Step 2:** tensioning the yarn, wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front (yoh)



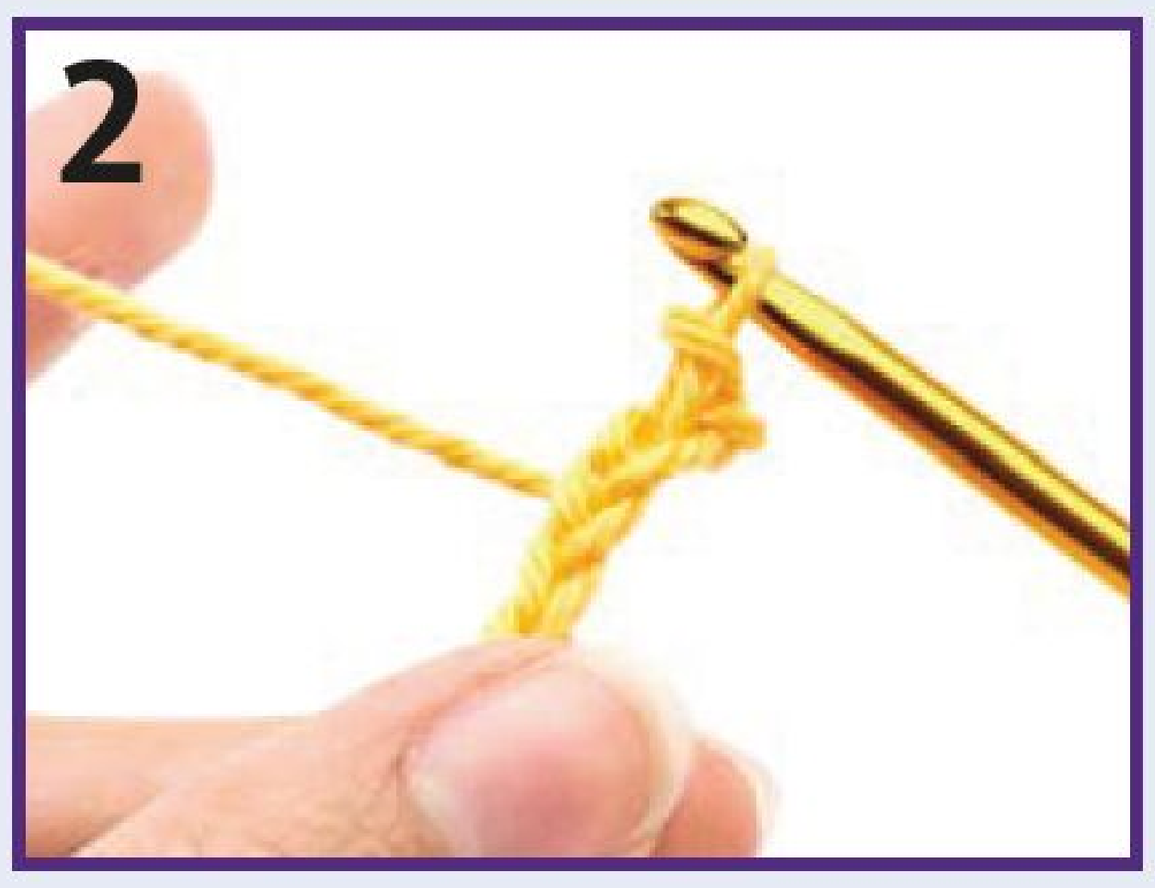
**Step 3:** pull the hook through the slip knot, catching the yarn. You will have one loop on your hook. This is one chain stitch (ch). Repeat Steps 2 and 3 to make more chain stitches – do not count the loop on your hook as a stitch

## SLIP STITCH (SL ST / SS)

**This is a travelling stitch that can be used for shaping. It is also useful for joining in yarn**



**Step 1:** insert hook into stitch or chain and wrap the yarn around the hook

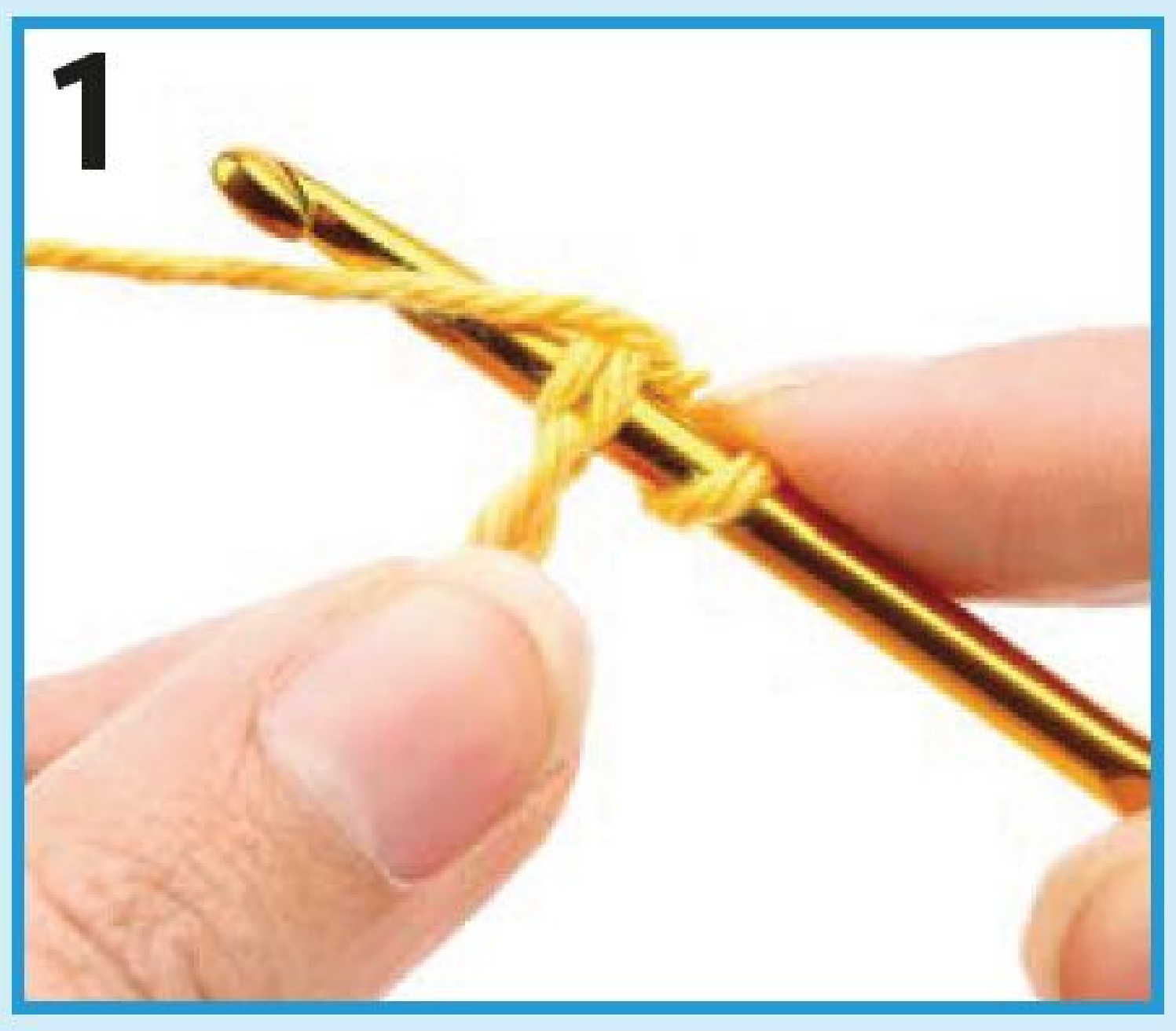


**Step 2:** pull yarn through stitch and through loop that is already on your hook

**Slip stitch edge**

## DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)

**This is one of the easiest stitches to work and is used a lot in making crochet toys**



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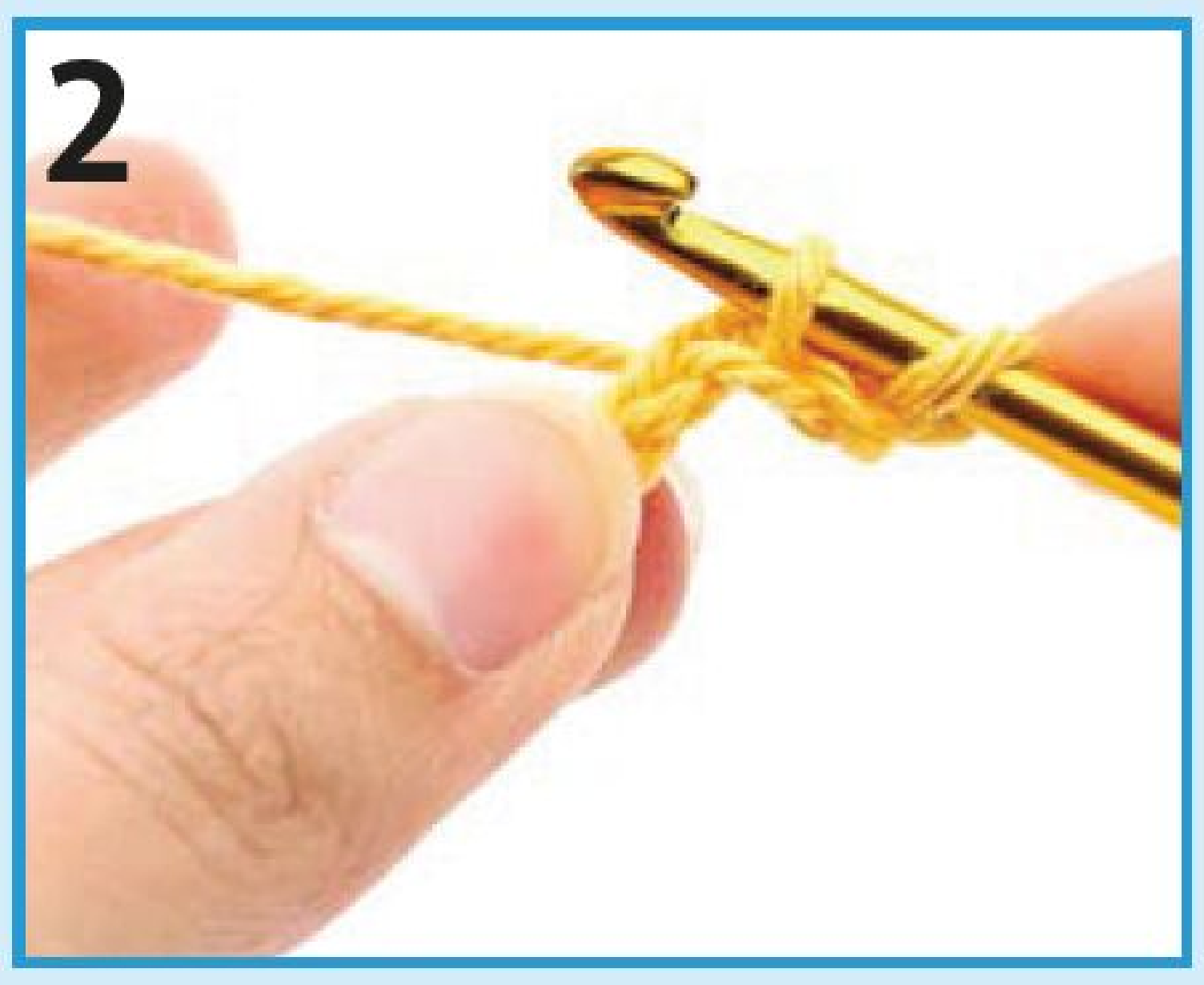
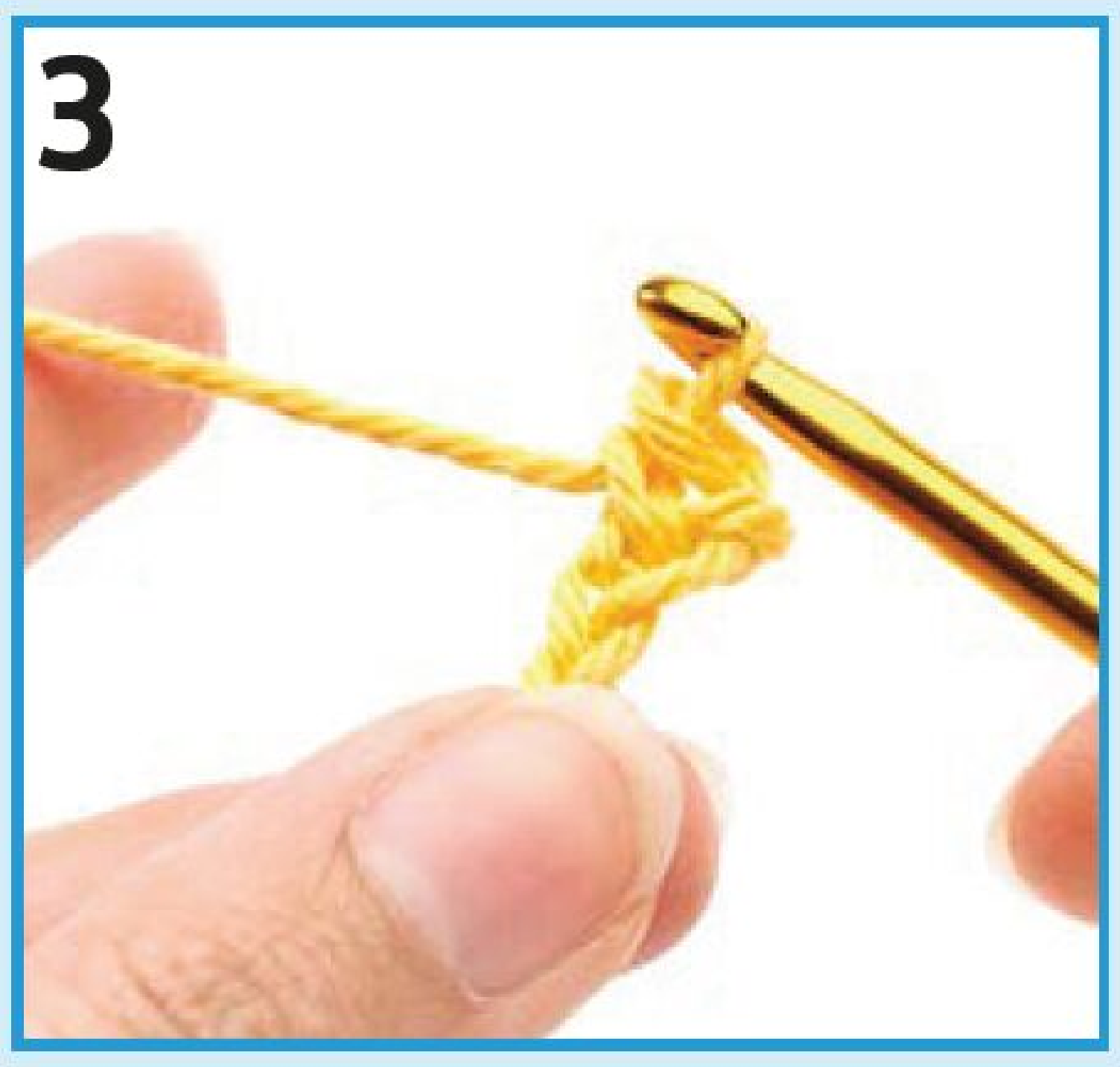


**Step 2:** pull yarn through stitch, so you have two loops on your hook

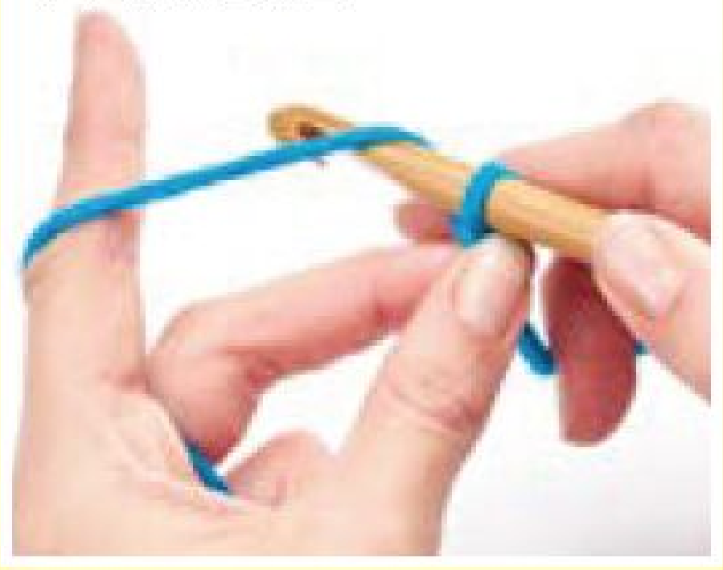


**Step 3:** yoh and pull through both loops

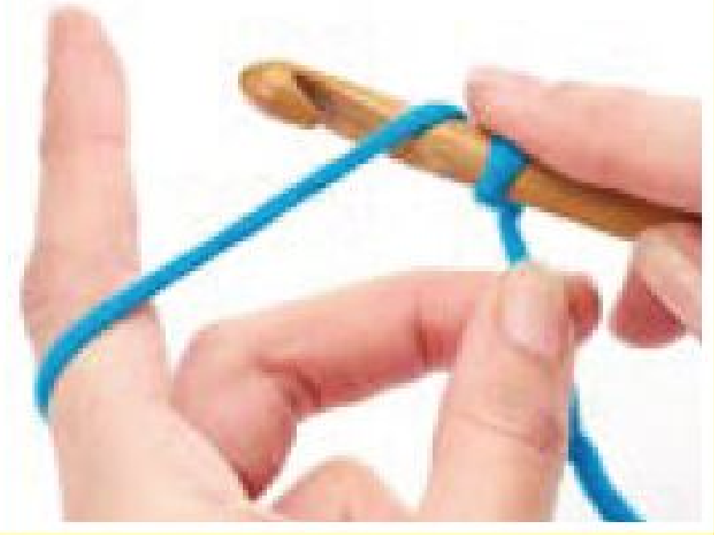
## HOW TO HOLD YOUR HOOK

The two basic ways of holding a crochet hook are in the knife or pencil position. If neither is comfortable for you, feel free to find a way that suits you and your style of crocheting – just make sure your tension stays even. To do this, use your opposite hand to hold your yarn. Wrap the yarn around your index finger and hold your work between your middle finger and thumb, just beneath the crochet hook. You can then hold the hook as if you were going to write a sentence with a pencil, as if you'll cut up your dinner with a knife, or something completely different

**PENCIL**



**KNIFE**

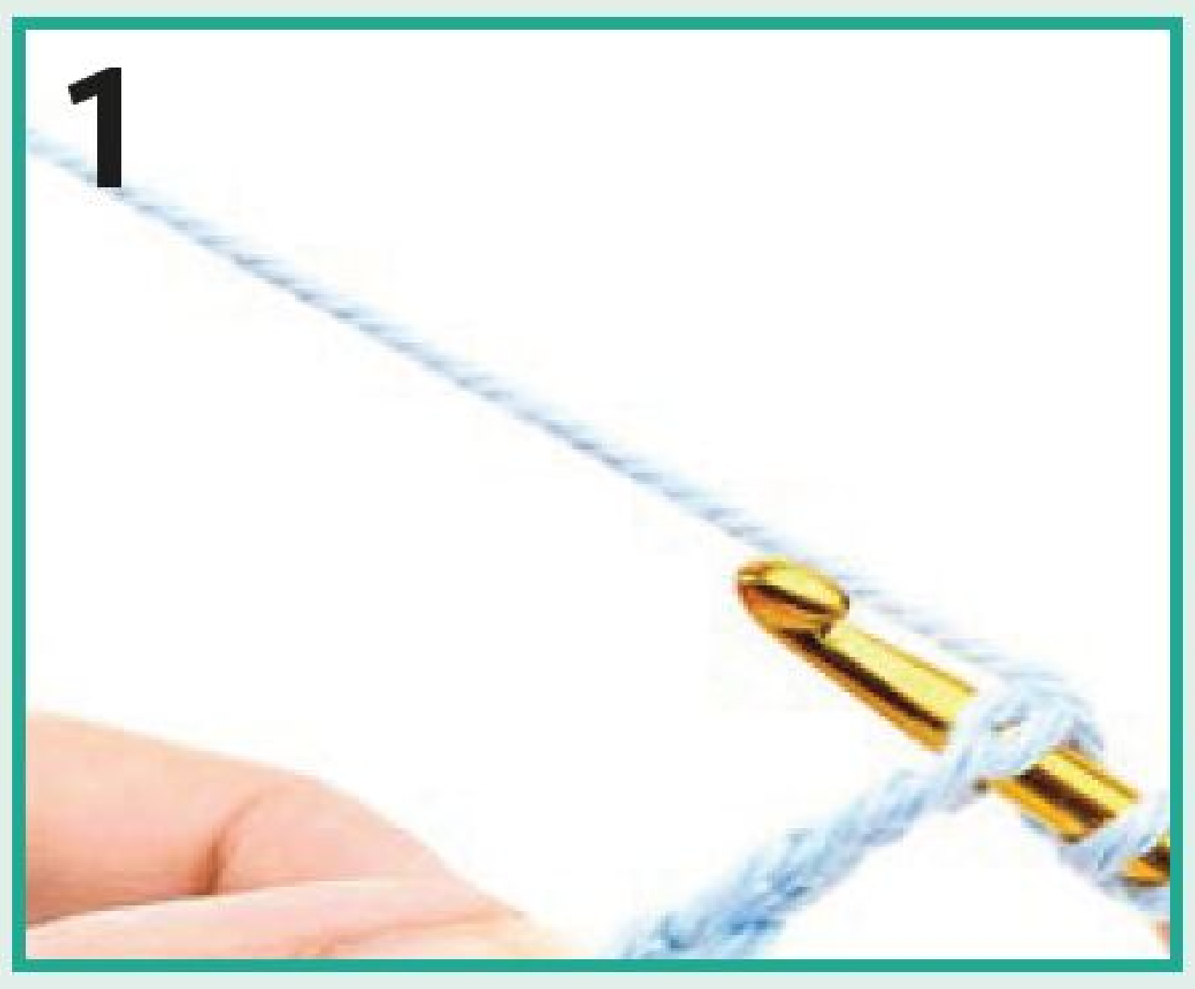


## SUBSTITUTING YARN

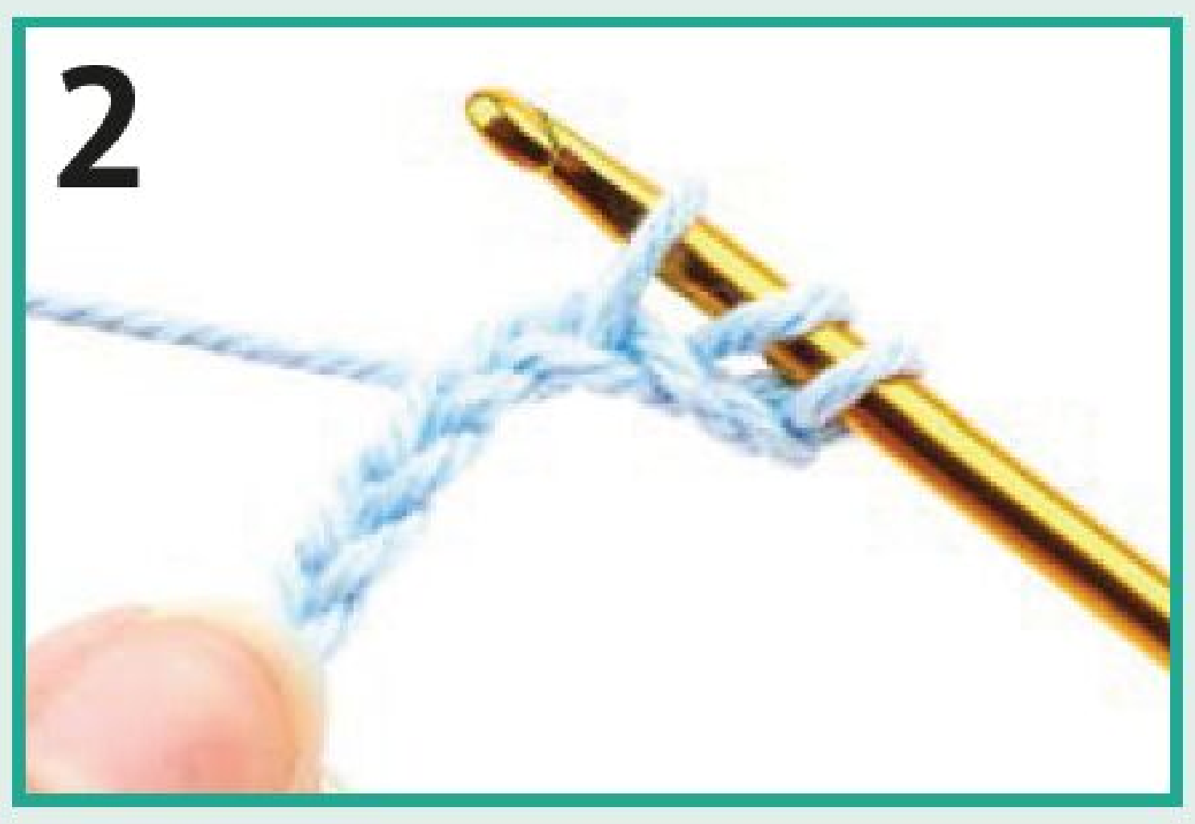
If you're making a garment or big project that requires a specific tension and plan on using different yarns, it's best to choose one with a similar tension to the specified yarn, going by the details given on the ball band. Also, look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project

## HALF TREBLE (HTR)

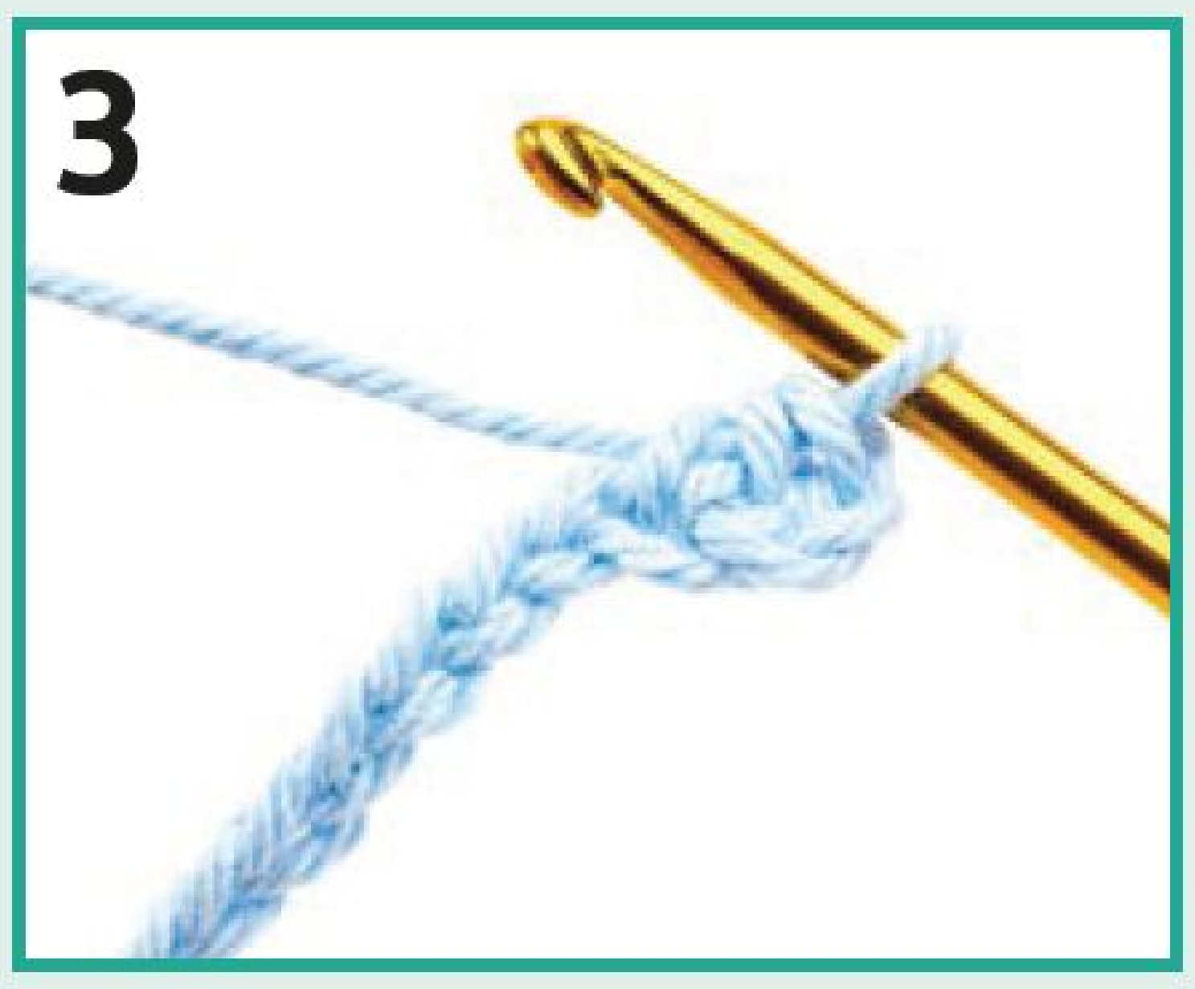
**This is a slightly taller stitch than double crochet**



**Step 1:** yoh, then insert hook into stitch



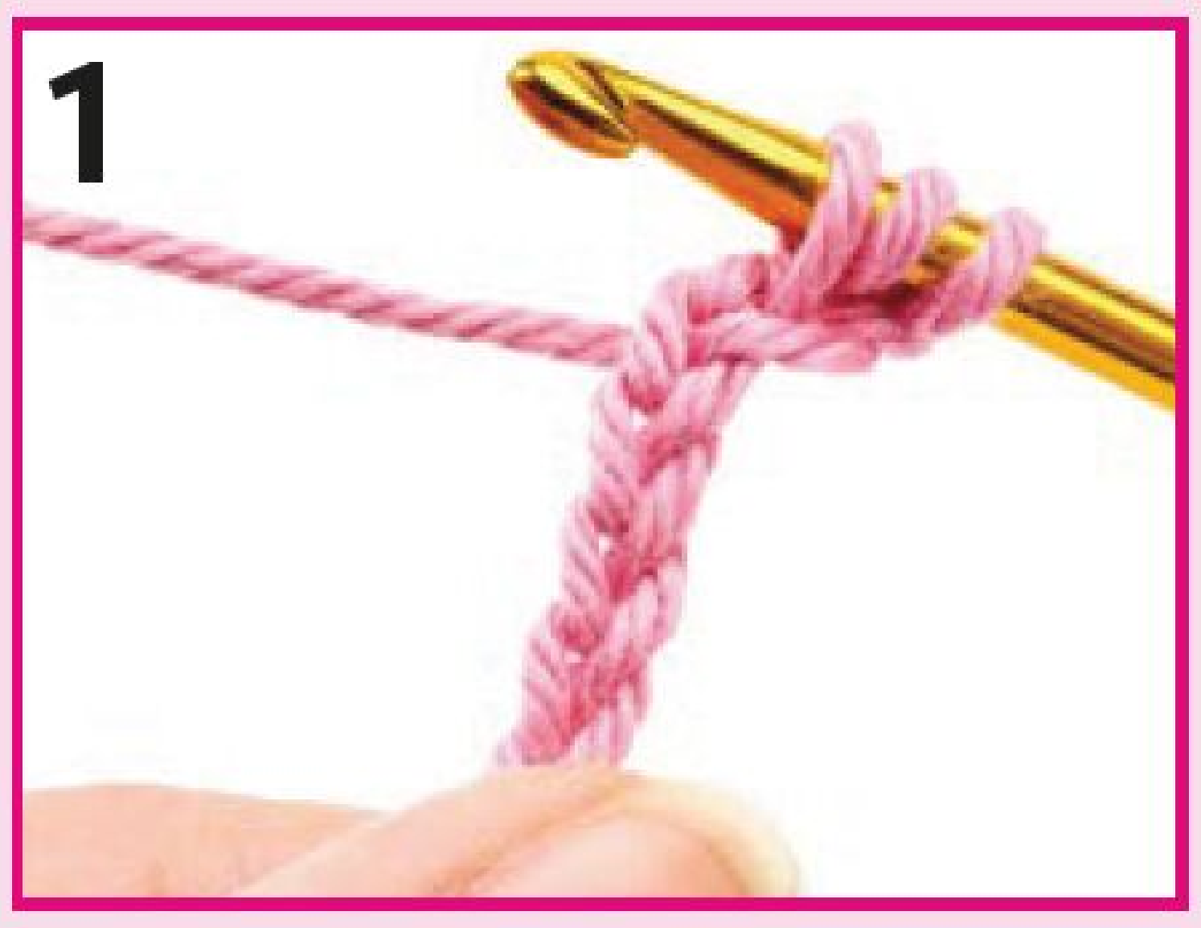
**Step 2:** yoh, then pull yarn through stitch so there are three loops



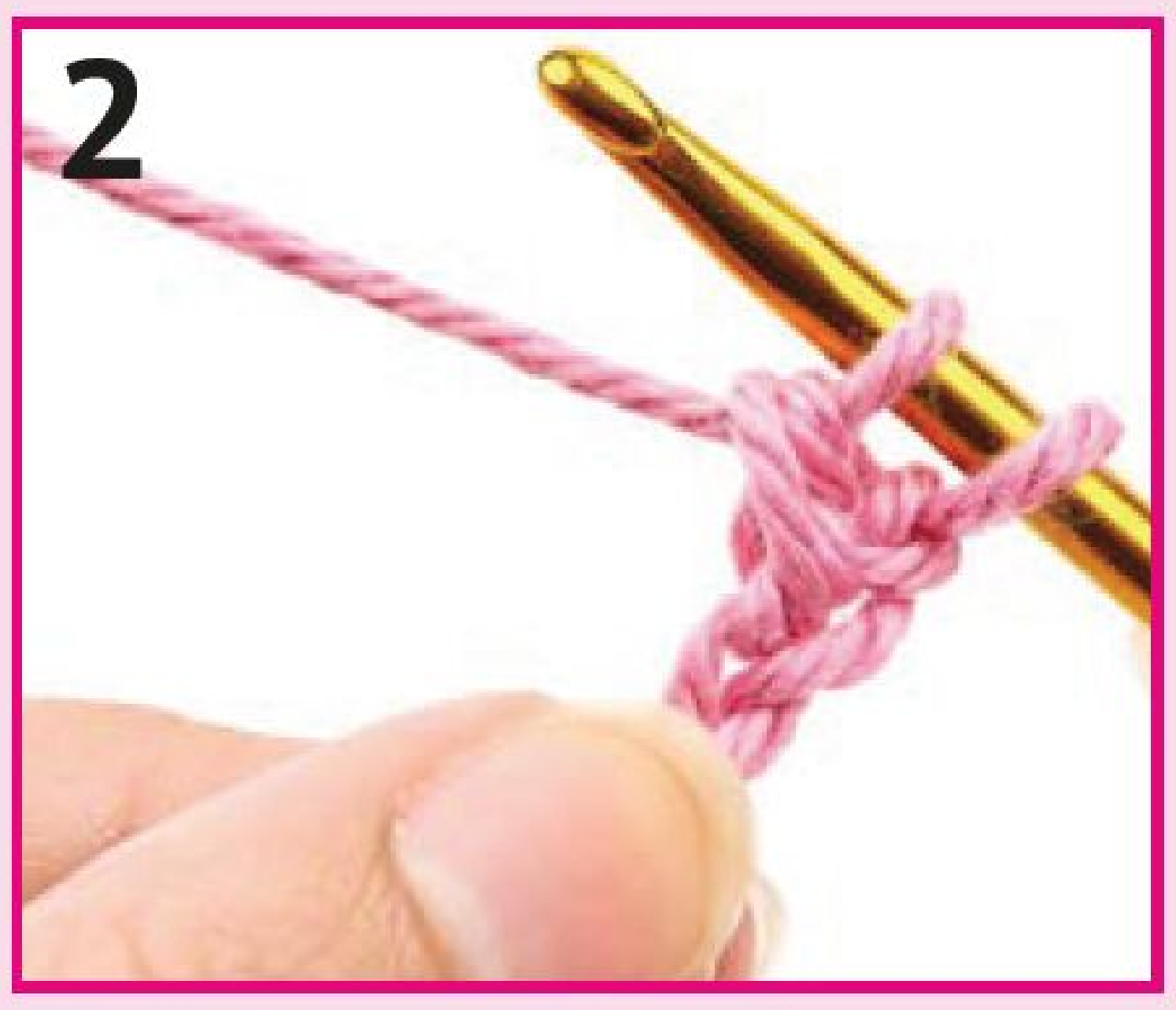
**Step 3:** yoh and pull through all three loops

## TREBLE (TR)

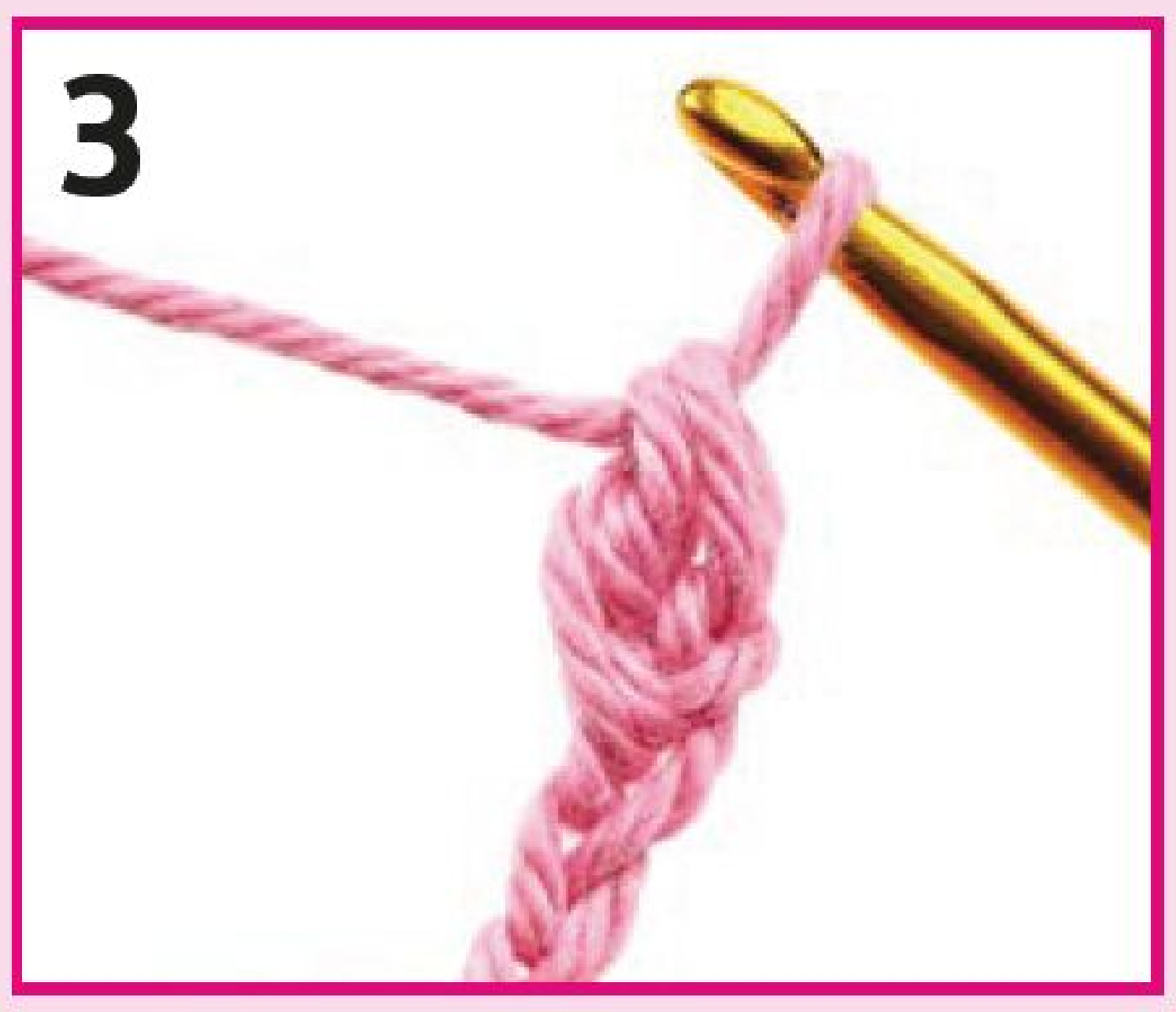
**An even taller stitch, this creates a slightly openwork fabric**



**Step 1:** work as for steps 1-2 of a half treble stitch



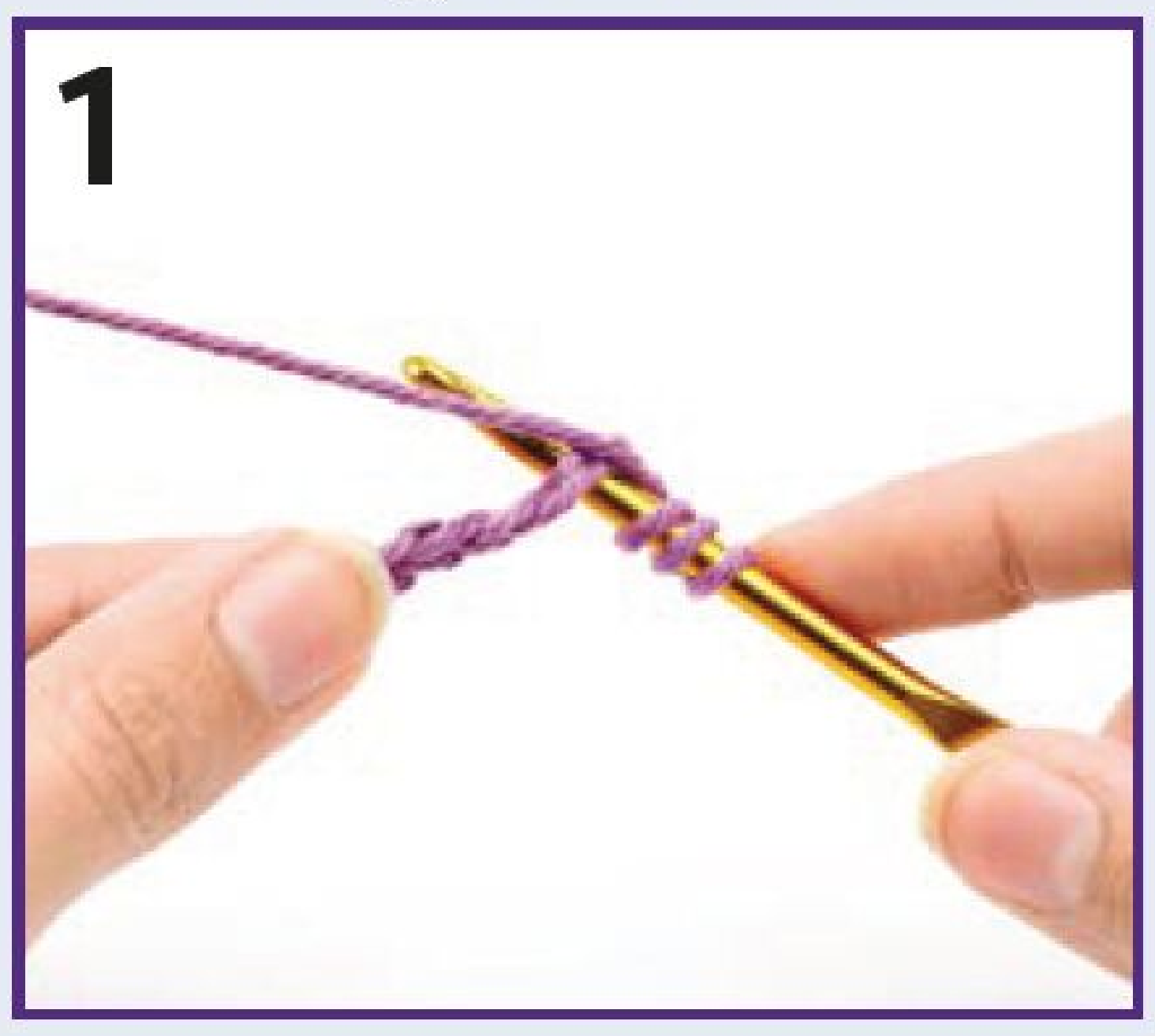
**Step 2:** yoh and pull it through first two loops only



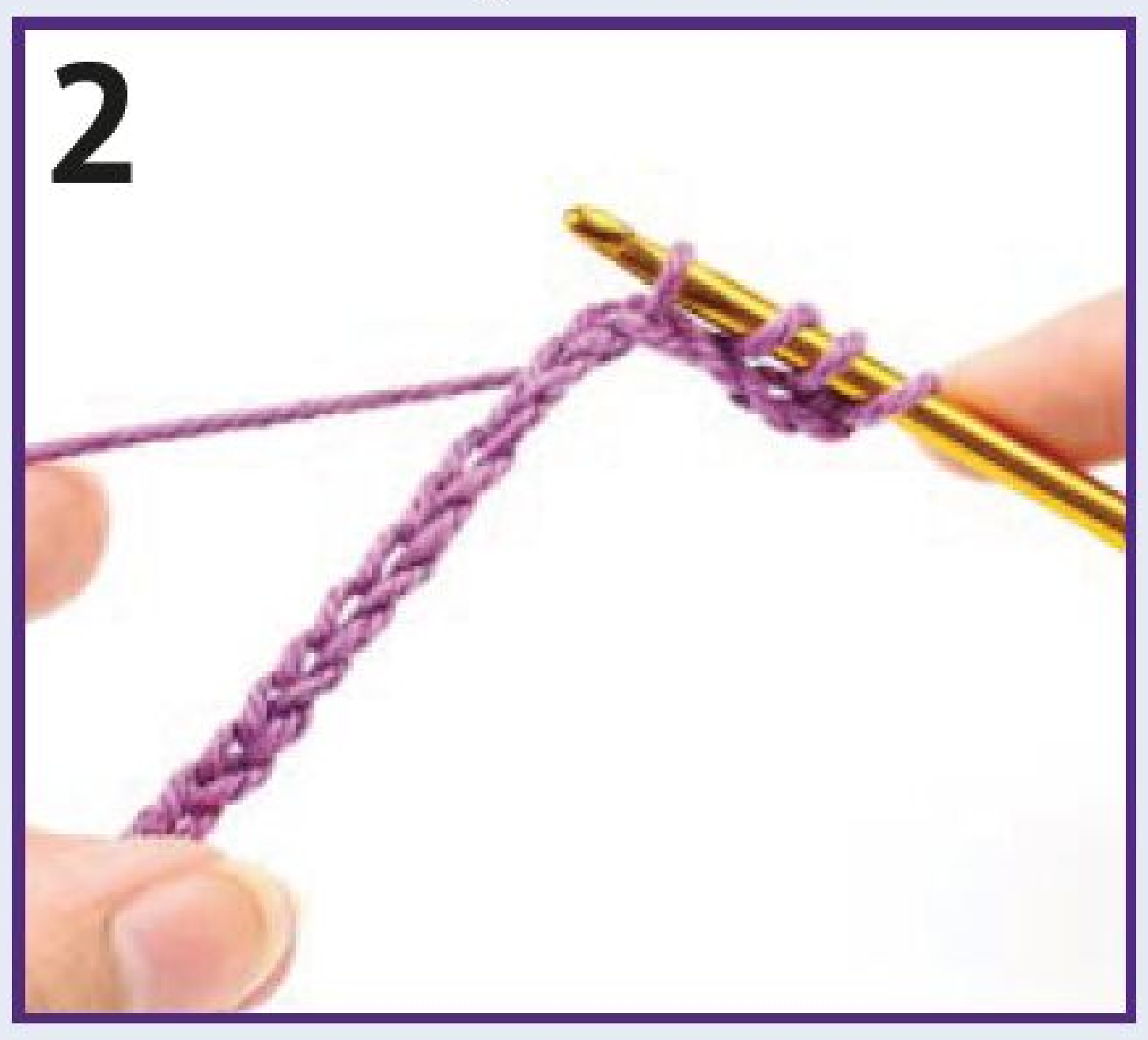
**Step 3:** yoh and pull it through last two loops on your hook

## DOUBLE TREBLE (DTR)

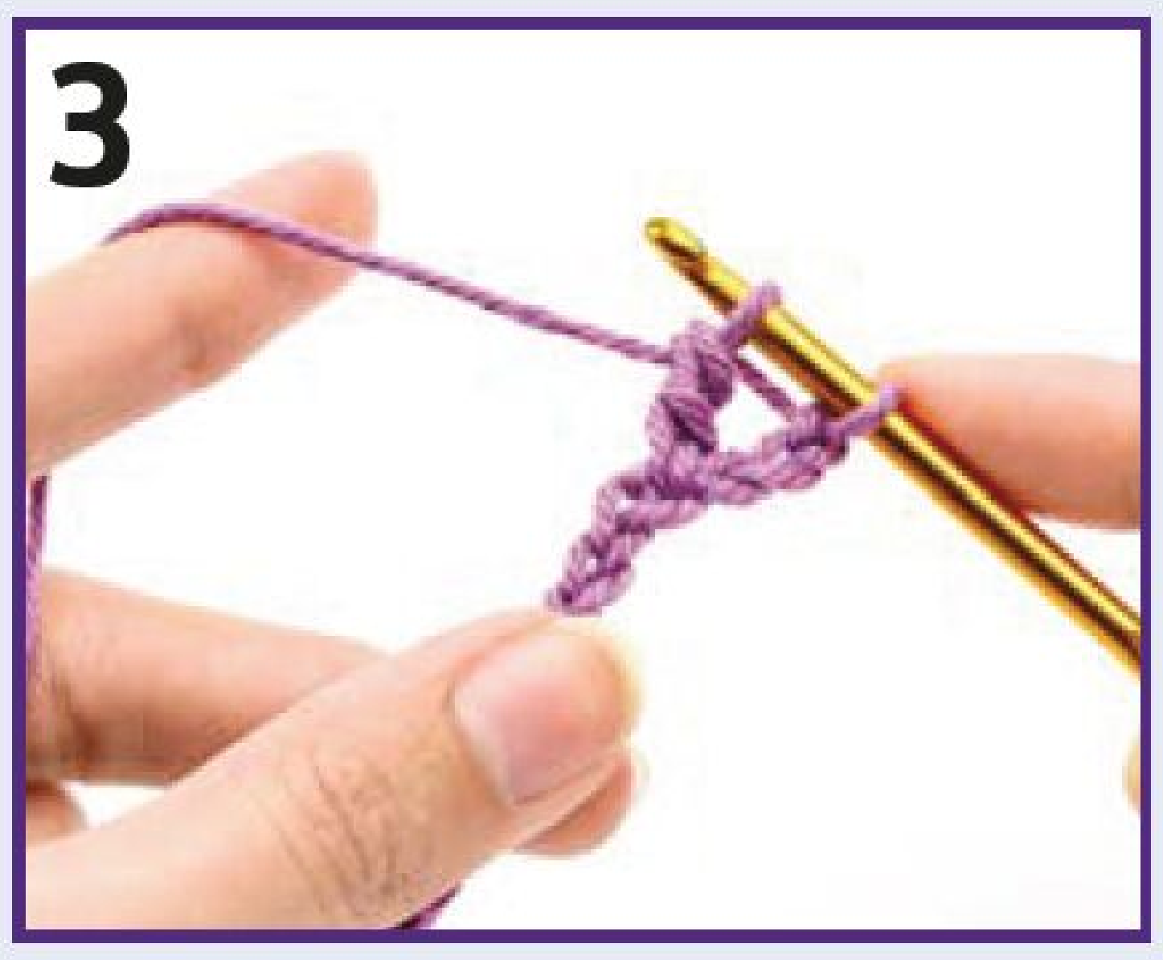
**This long stitch is worked in a similar way to a treble**



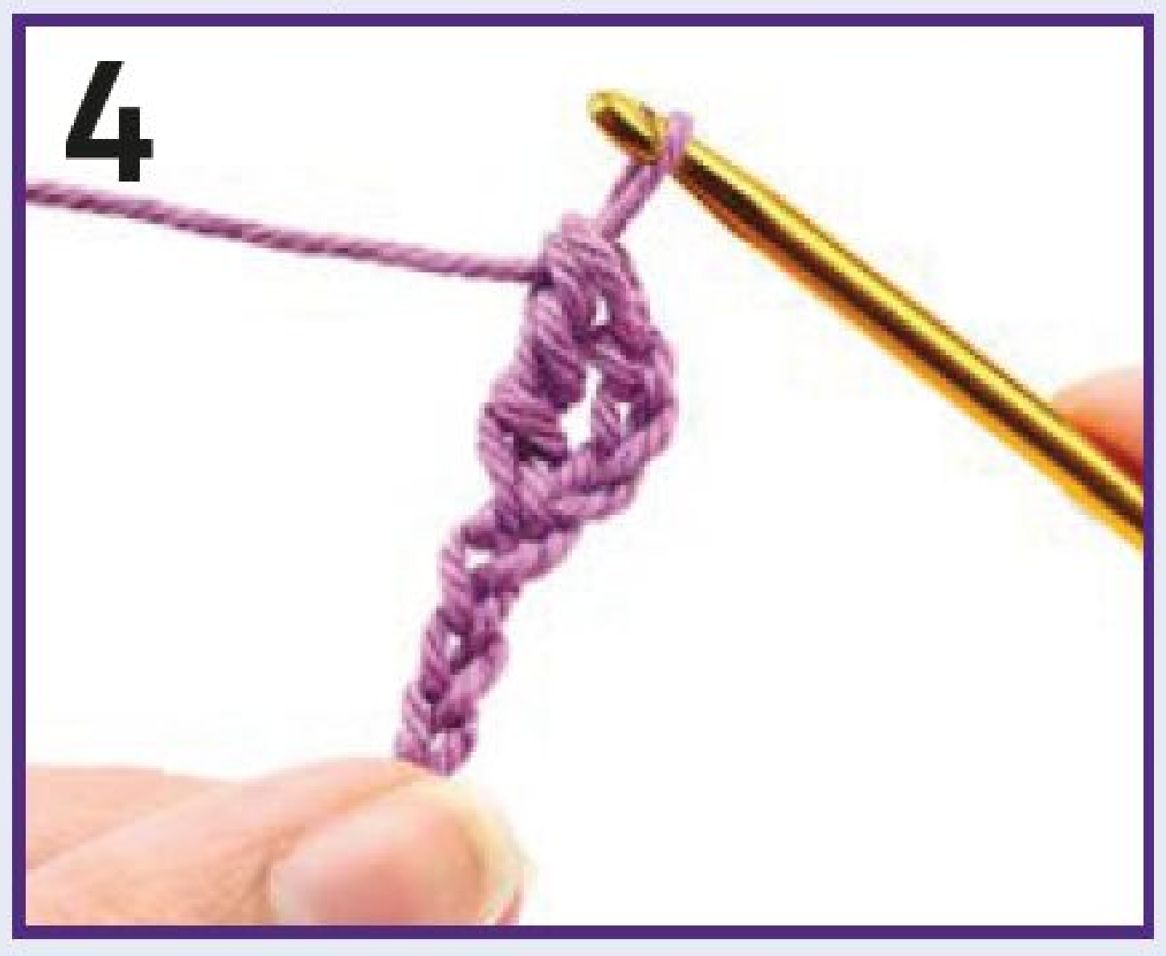
**Step 1:** yoh twice, then insert hook into stitch



**Step 2:** yoh, then pull yarn through stitch so there are four loops on your hook



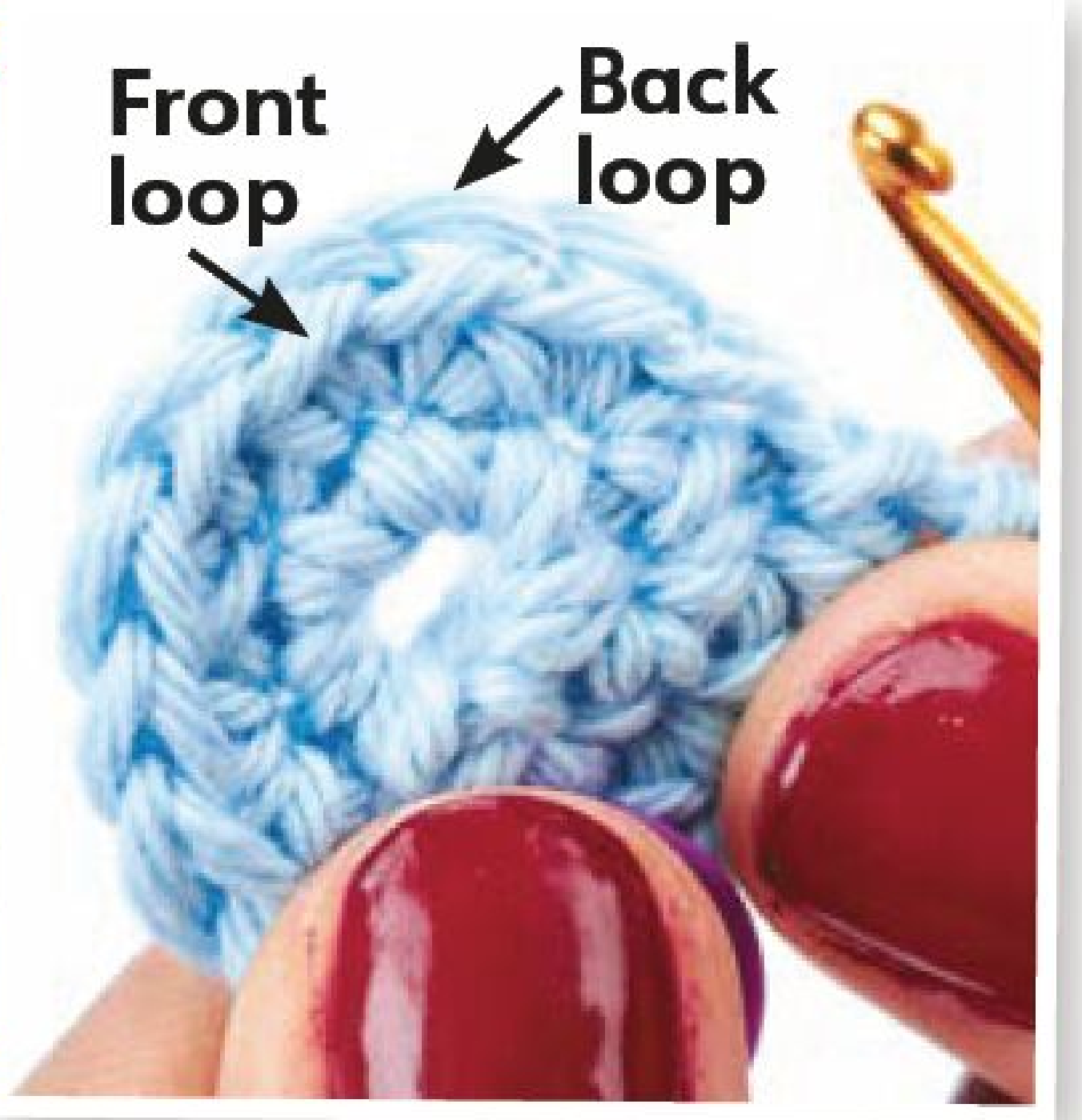
**Step 3:** work as for Step 2 of treble



**Step 4:** work as for Step 3 of treble

## FRONT & BACK LOOPS

Unless otherwise stated you will be working through both loops that form the 'V' at the top of the stitch from the previous round. However, you can alter the shape of your crochet by working into just one of these loops



## SLIP KNOT

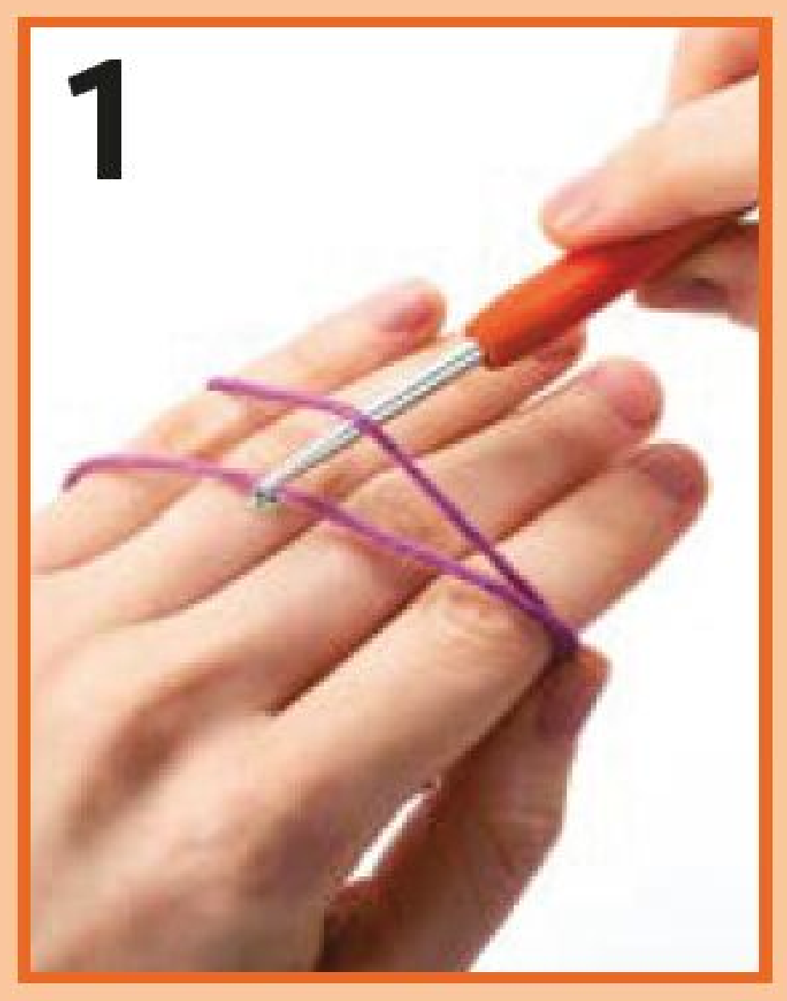
**Create a starting stitch on your hook by making a slip knot**

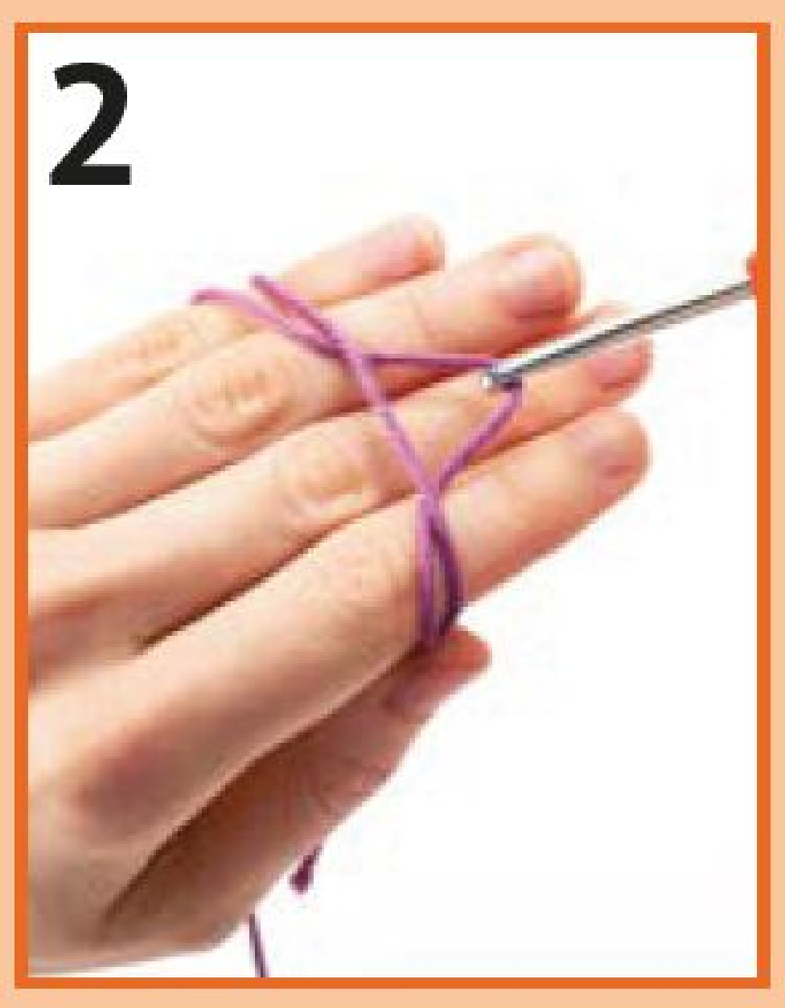
**Step 1:** Leaving a 10cm tail, wrap yarn twice around left hand so second loop crosses over first and lays closer to knuckles. With hook facing down, go under first loop and over second

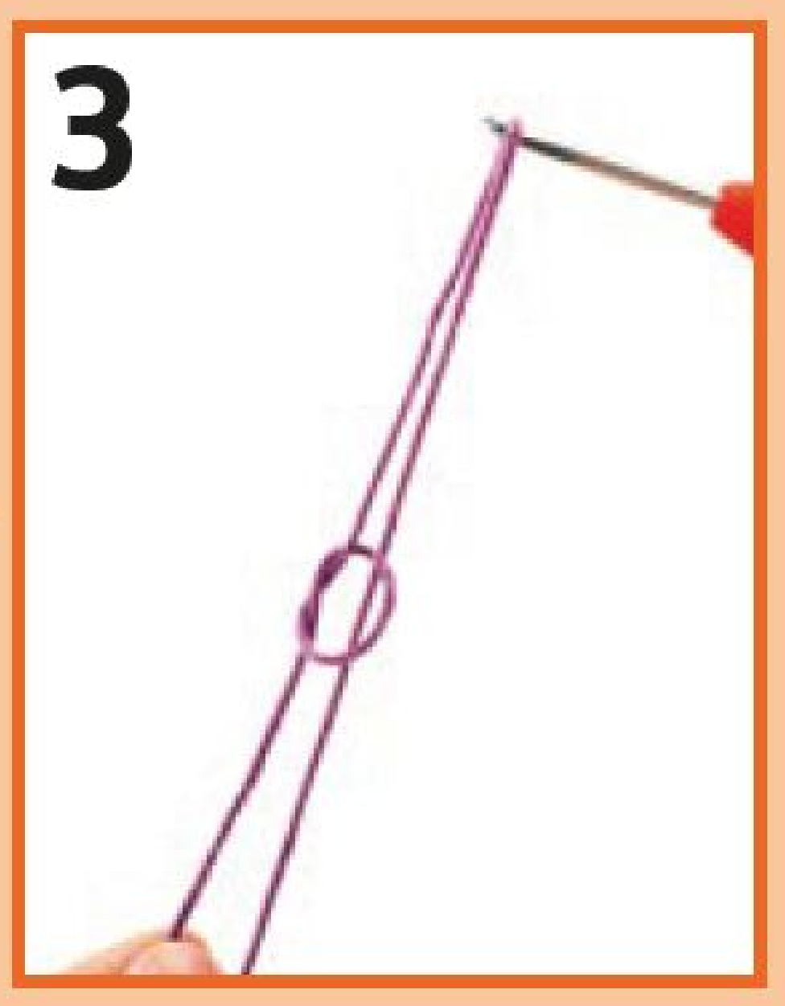
**Step 2:** Catch second strand with hook and pull it under first

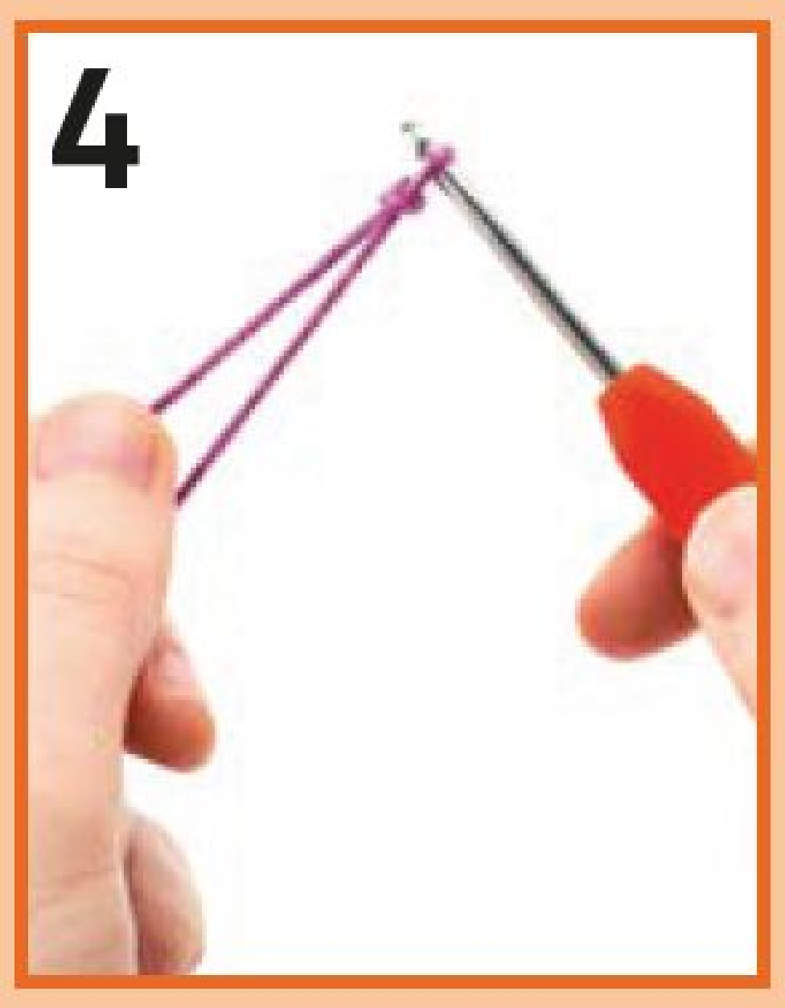
**Step 3:** Keeping new stitch on hook, slip loop from left hand

**Step 4:** Pull gently to tighten slip knot around hook





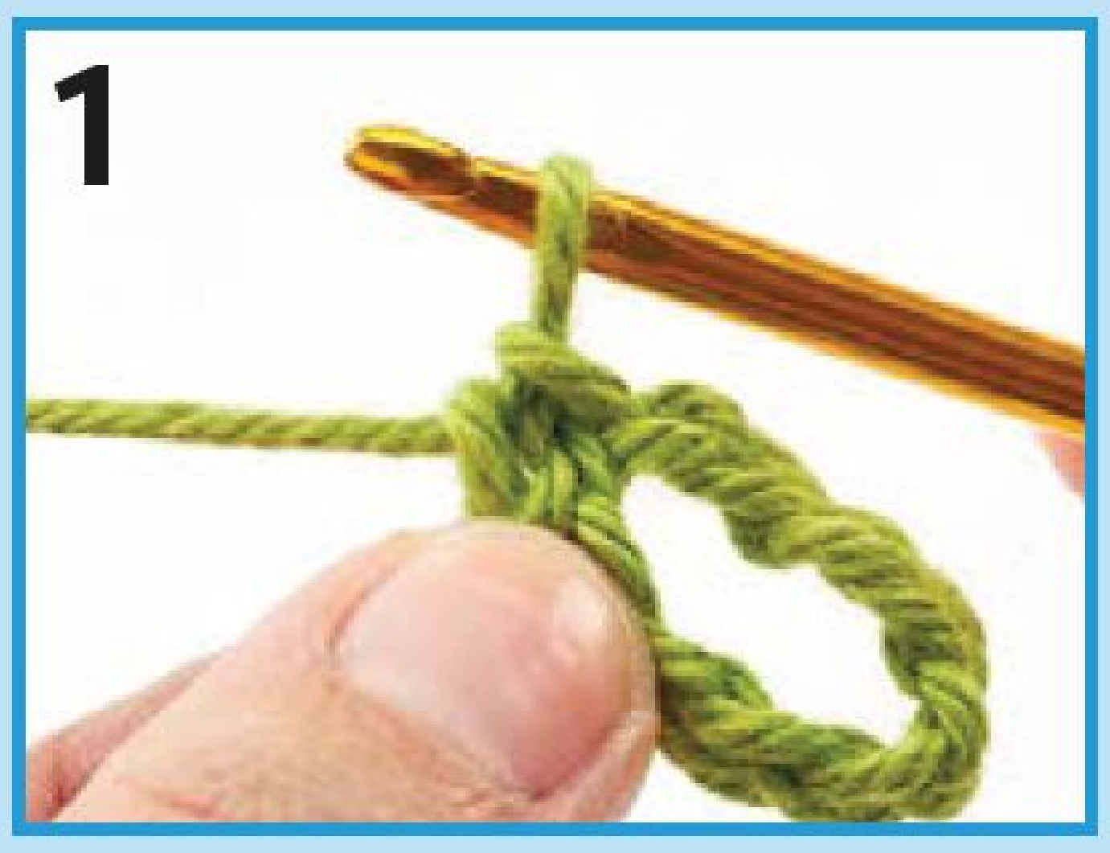




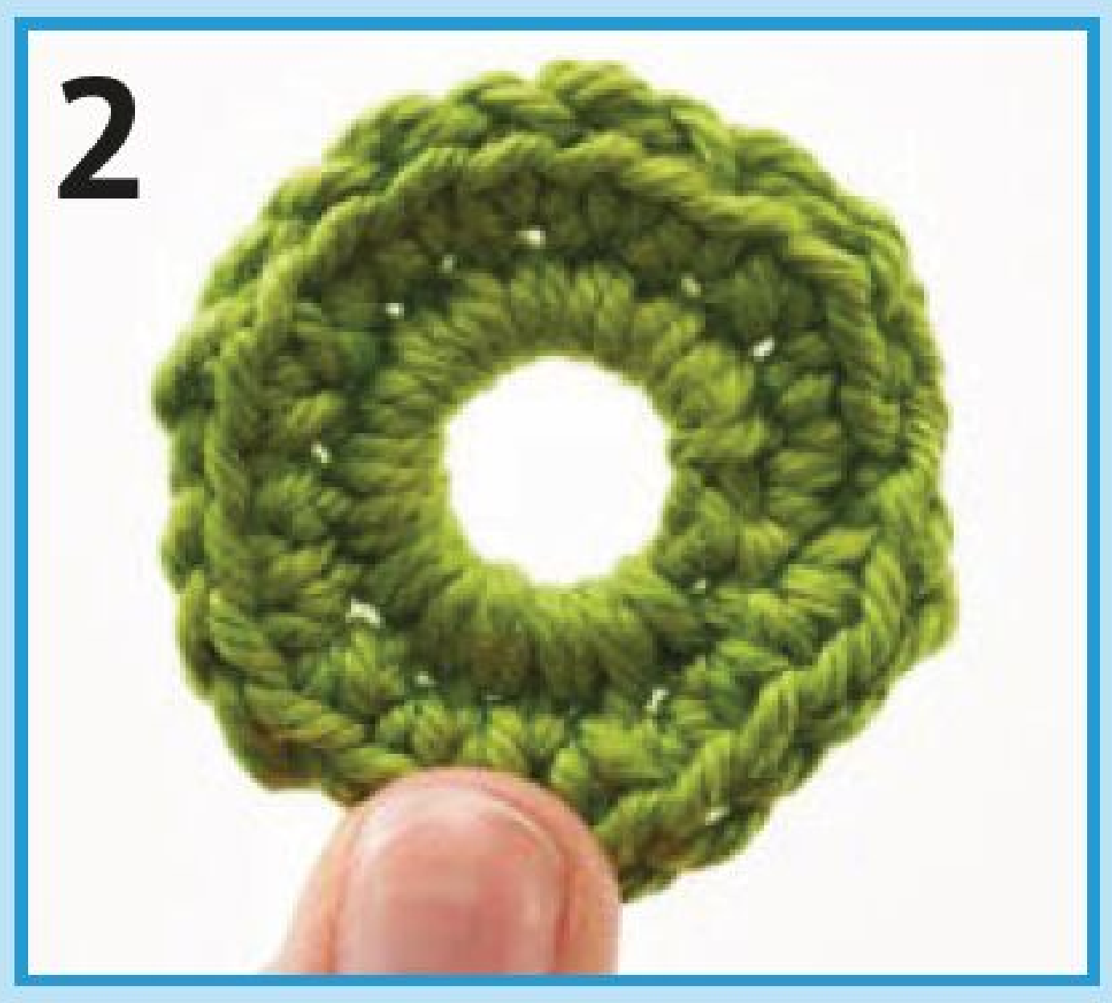
## FASTENING OFF

To finish your work, simply cut the yarn leaving a tail, wrap the yarn around the hook, then pull it all the way through the loop

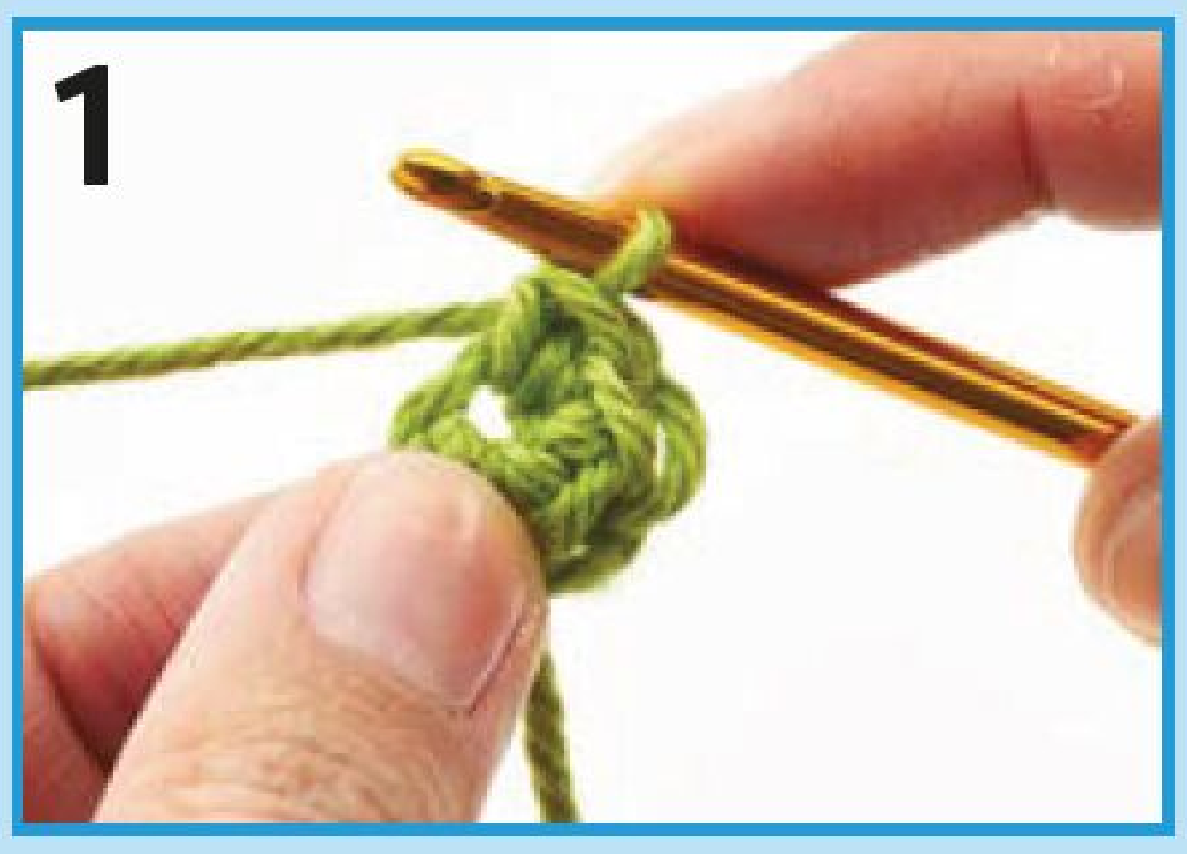
## CHAINS AND SLIP STITCHES



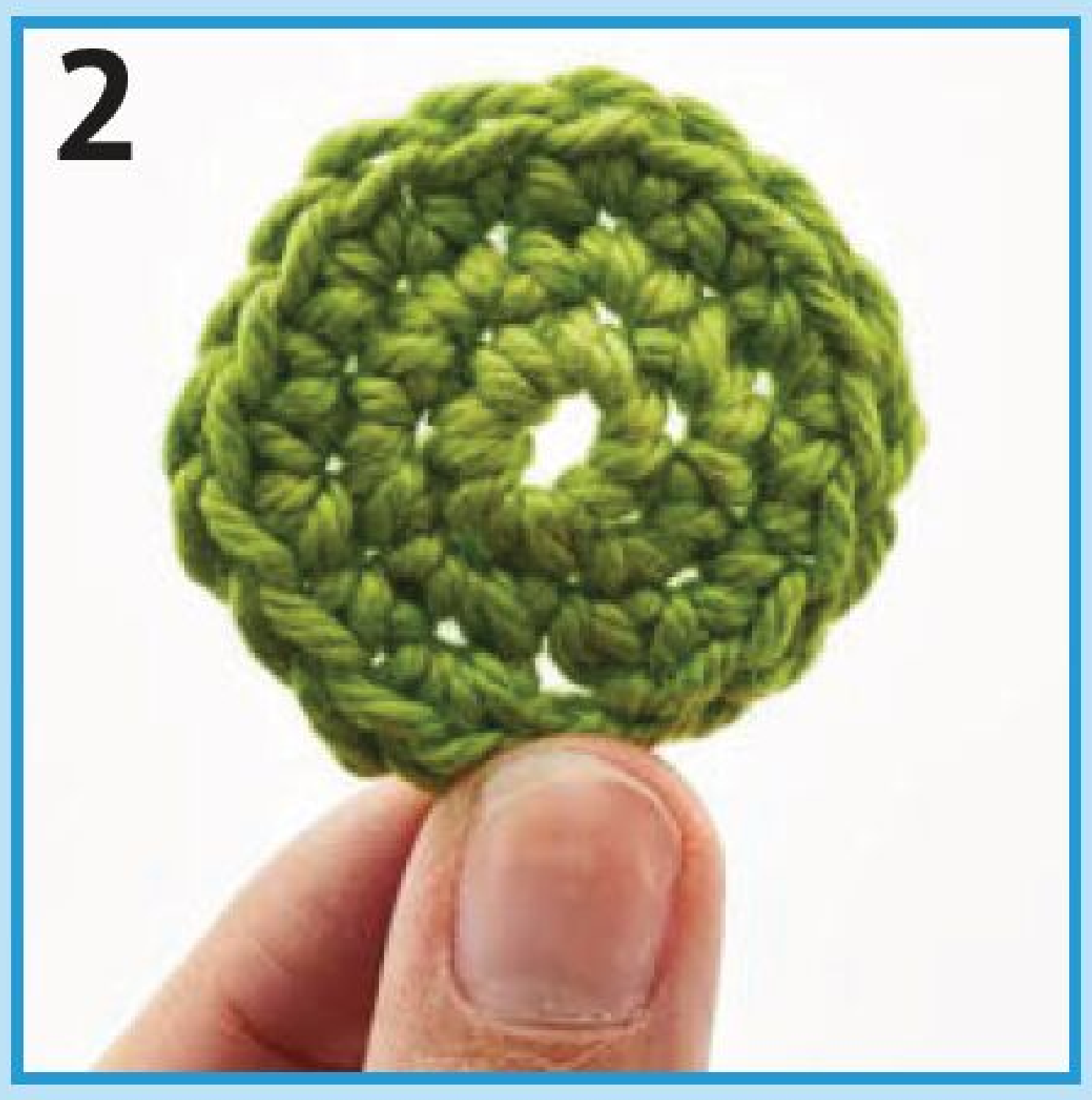
**Step 1:** If you want a circle with a hole in the centre, work a number of chain stitches, then work a slip stitch in the first chain to make a ring



**Step 2:** Work into the centre of the ring on your next round, then on all following rounds, work into the top of the stitch as normal



**Step 1:** Another method is to make two chain stitches, then work into the second chain several times to form the first round of your ring



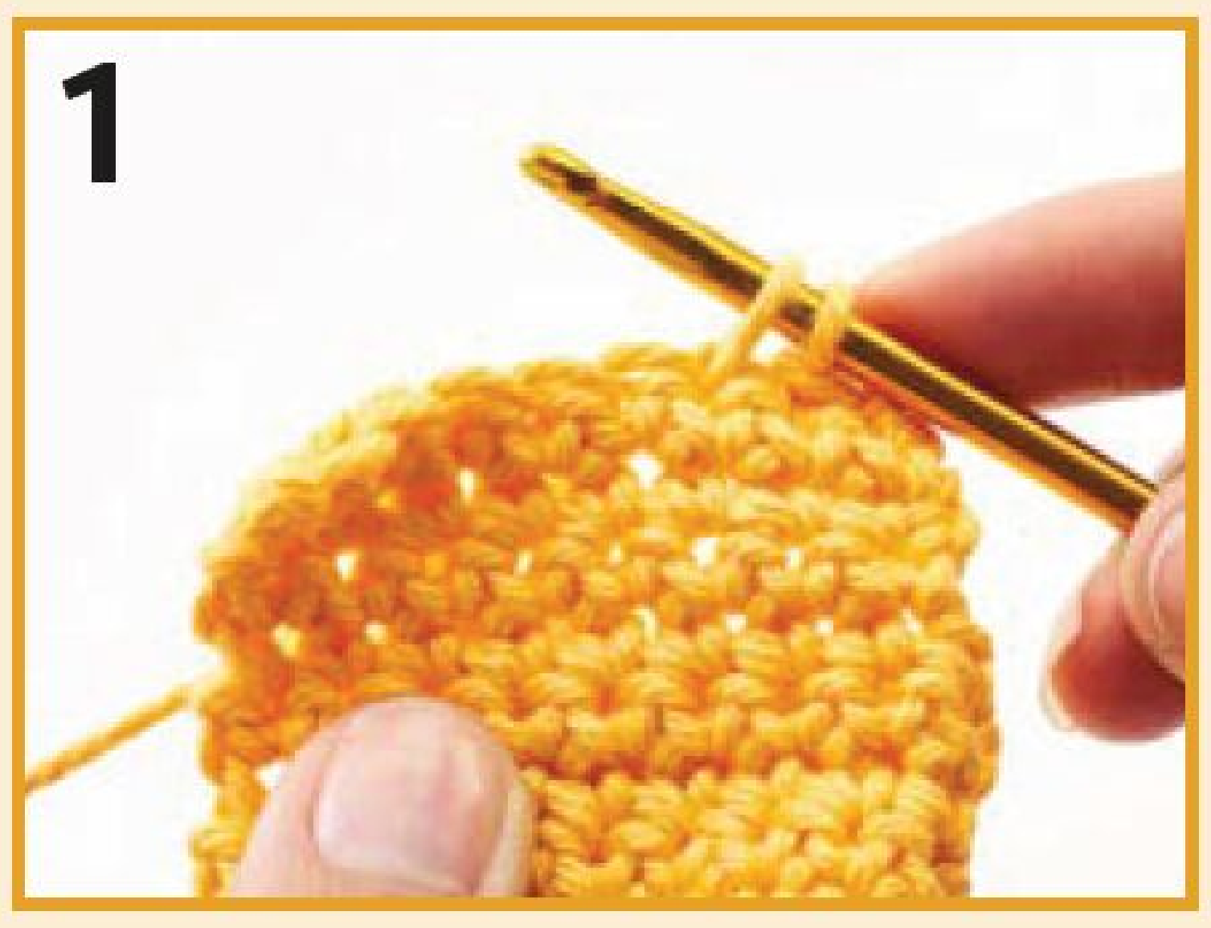
**Step 2:** This leaves a small hole in the centre, which can be sewn closed, if you wish

## INCREASING

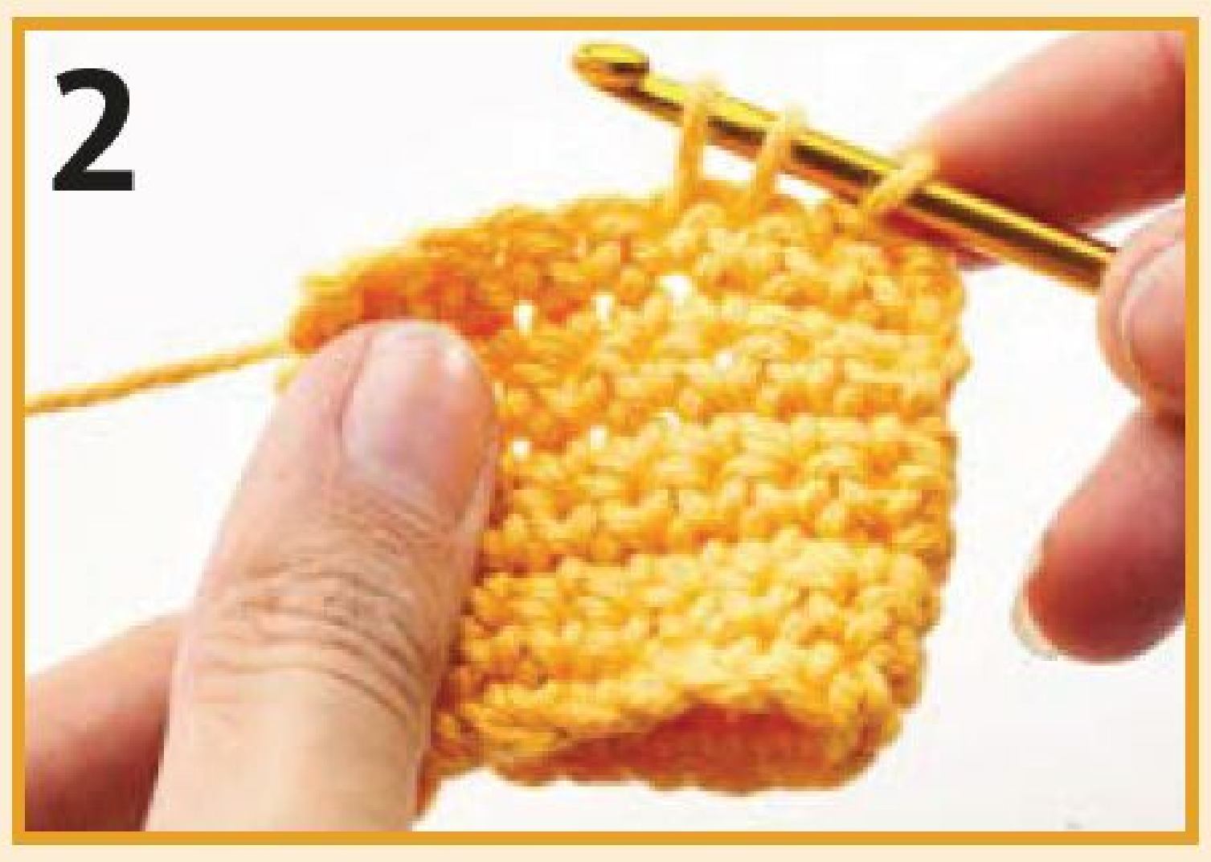
The easiest way of increasing is to work several times into the same stitch. This method can be used whether you are working in rows or in the round, or using any stitch. You will need to do this to make the diameter of your circular crochet bigger

## DC2TOG

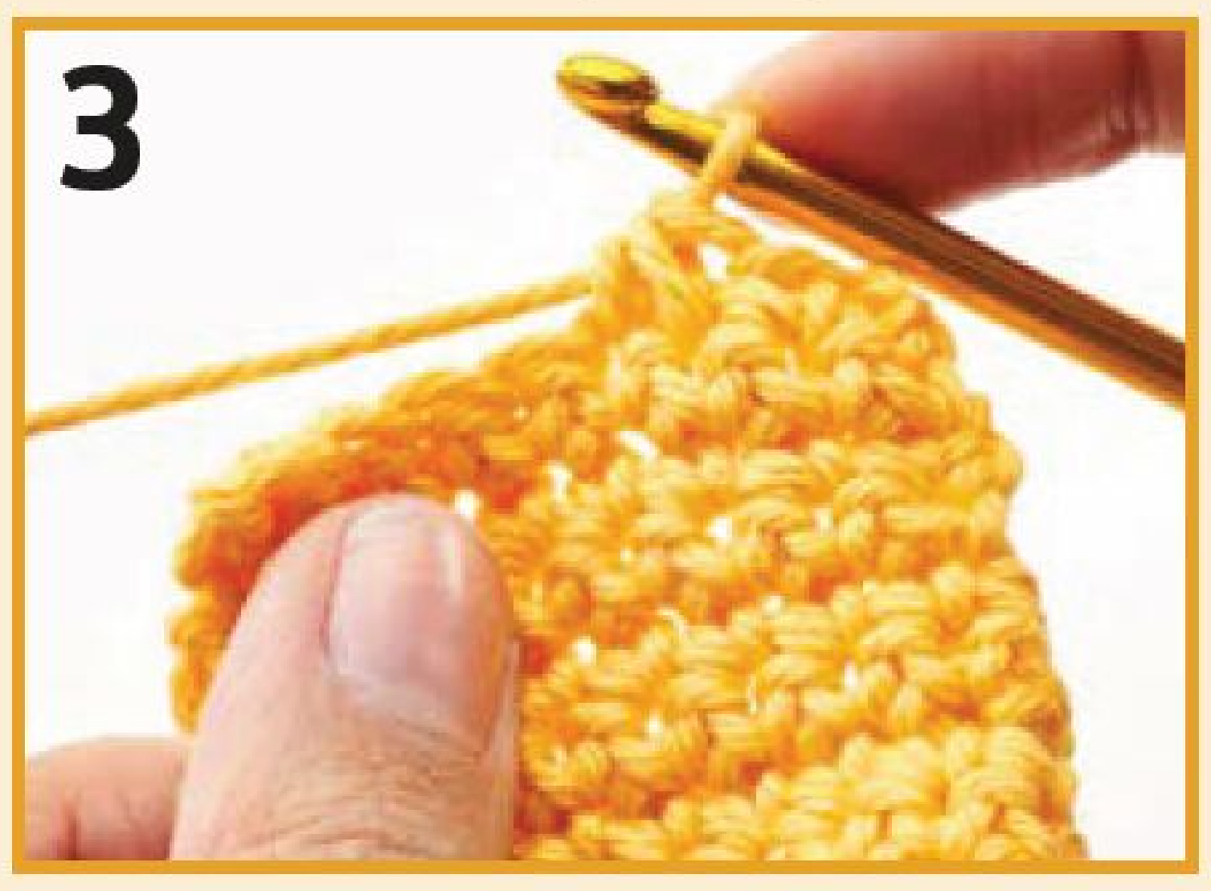
**This is one of the easiest stitches to work and is used a lot in making crochet toys**



**Step 1:** insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch as for a normal dc



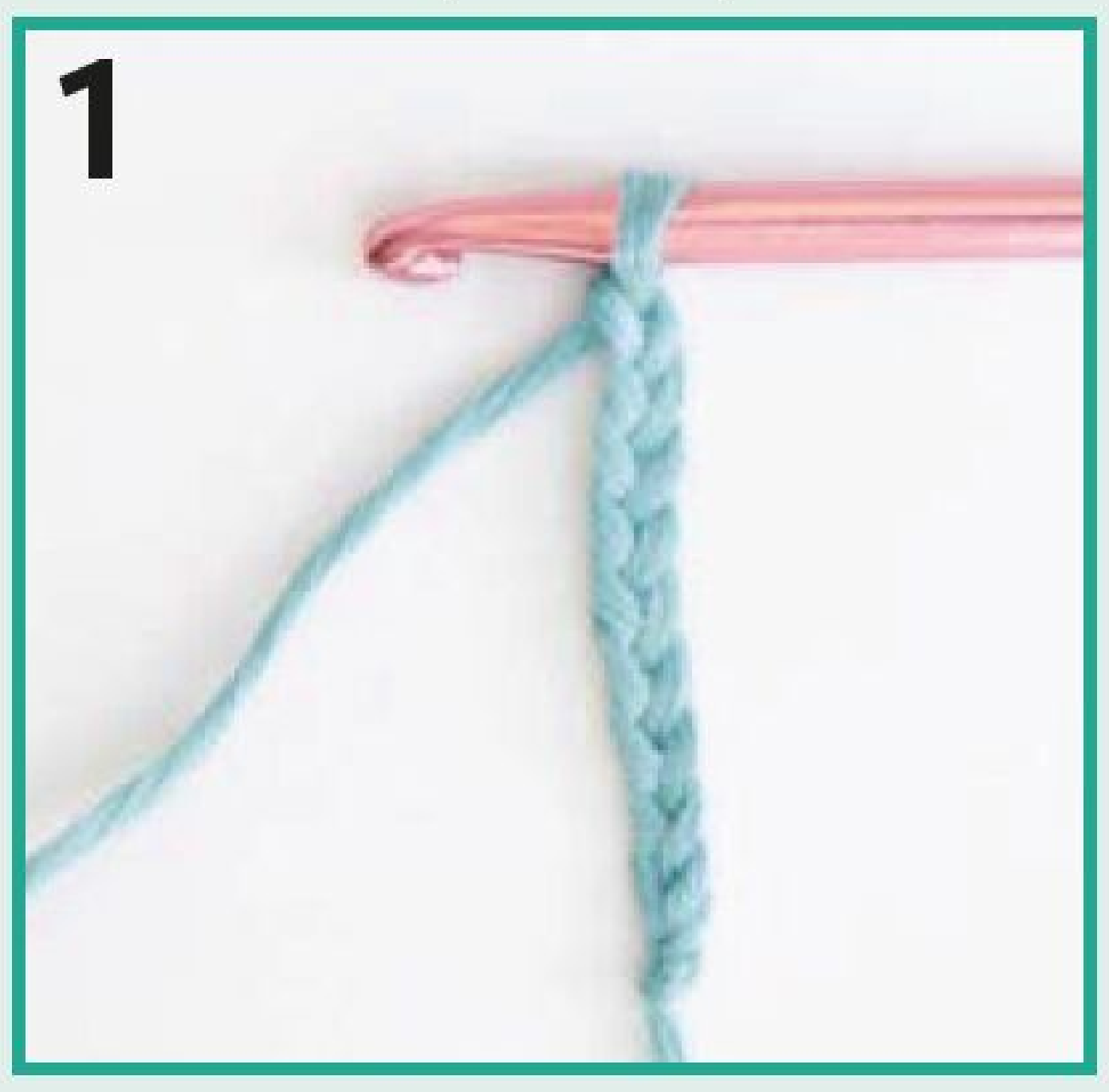
**Step 2:** instead of completing the dc, insert your hook into the next stitch in your row or round, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch, so you have three loops on your hook



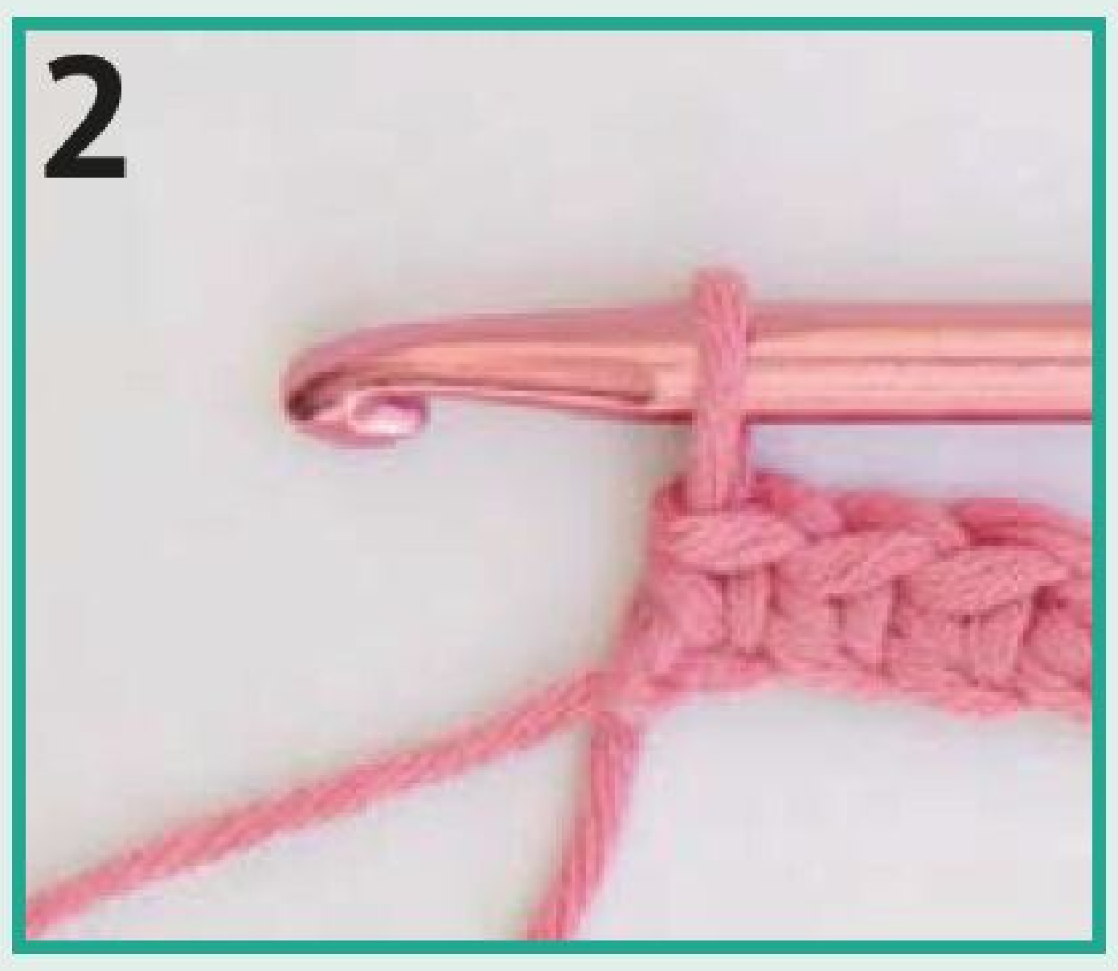
**Step 3:** yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook. For a dc3tog, work Step 2 twice, so you have four loops on your hook

## COUNTING, ONE, TWO, THREE...

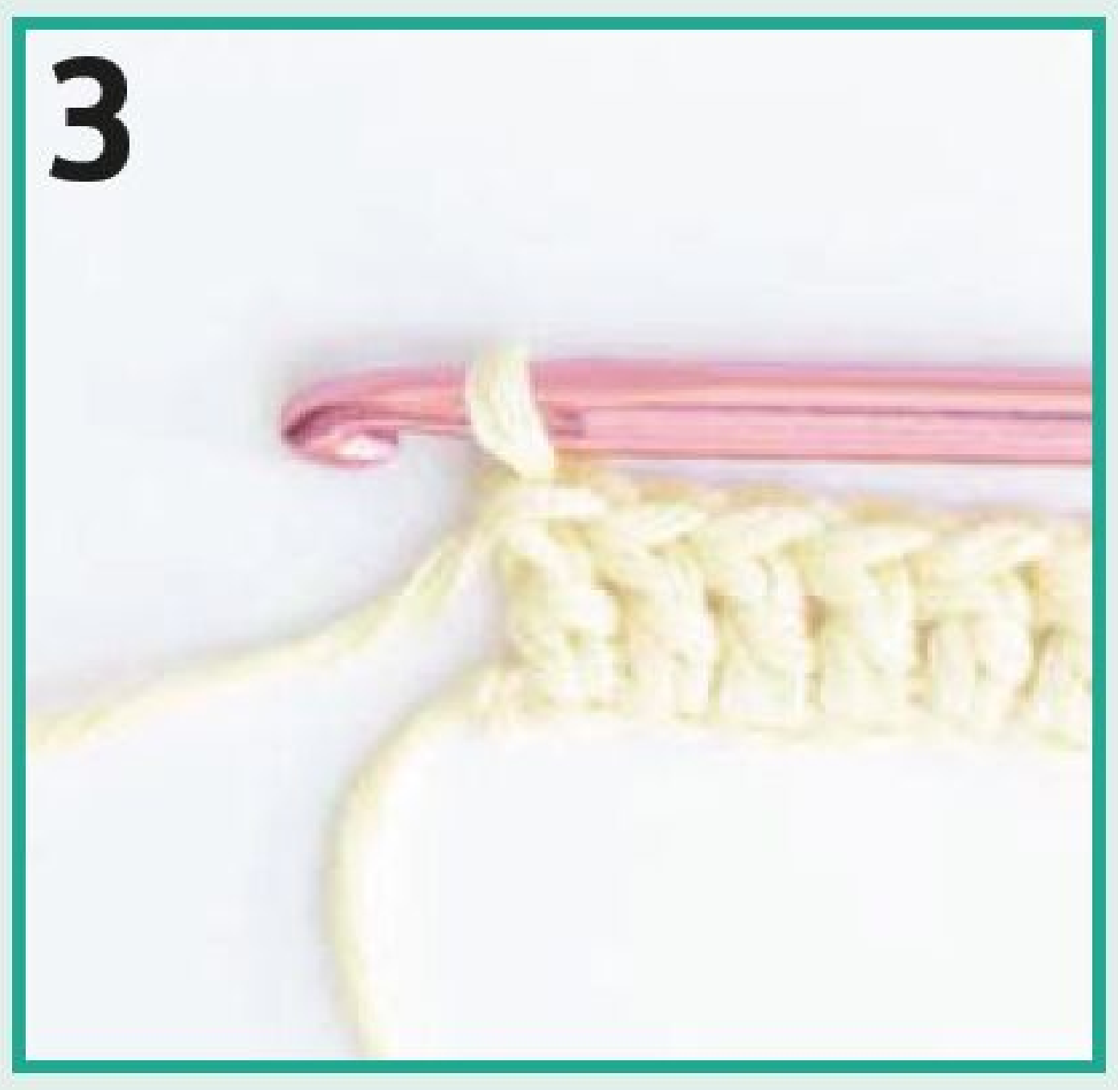
**For neat projects be sure to count, count, count!**



**Step 1:** Whether you're counting chains or stitches, always remember the first slip knot doesn't count and neither does your working loop (the one on your hook)



**Step 2:** When counting short stitches (e.g. double crochet), the easiest way is to count the plaited 'V' shapes at the top



**Step 3:** For taller stitches like trebles, the best way is to count the upright 'stems' – there is one for each stitch you make

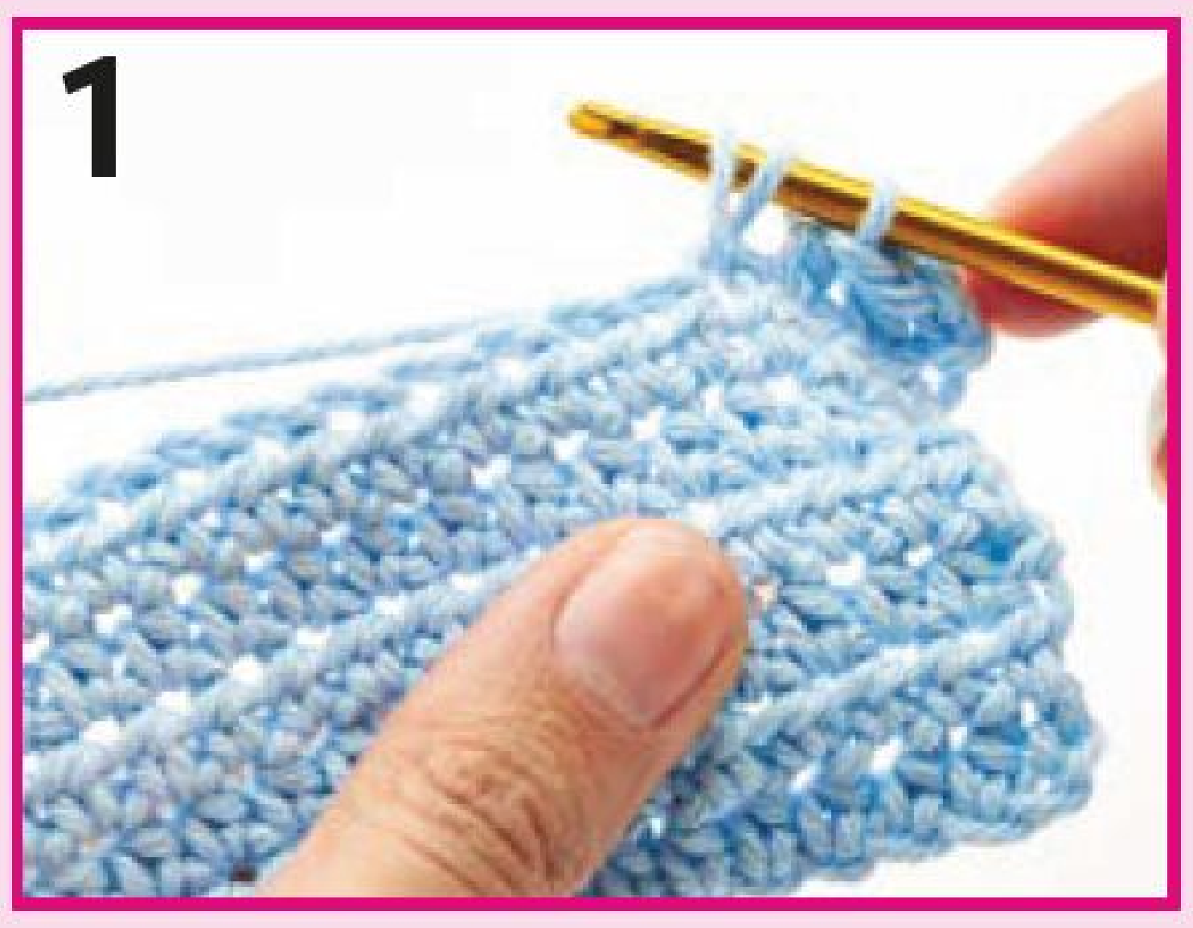
## YARN VS HOOK

| Yarn Type | Hook Size |
|---|---|
| Lace | 1.6-2.2mm |
| 4ply | 2.25-3.5mm |
| DK | 3.5-5.5mm |
| Aran | 5.5-6.5mm |
| Chunky | 6.5-9mm |
| Super Chunky | 9mm+ |

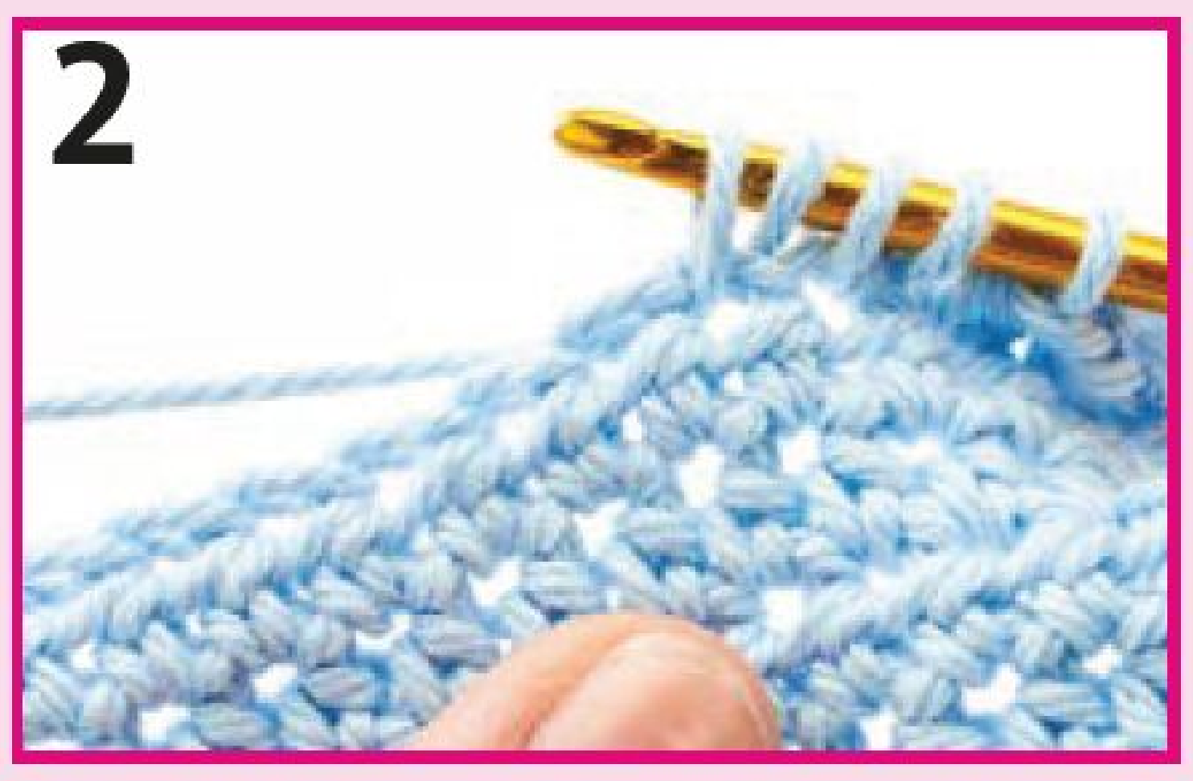
**TOP TIP!** USE A MIRROR TO REVERSE THE HOW-TO STITCH PICS FOR LEFT-HANDED CROCHETING

## HTR2TOG

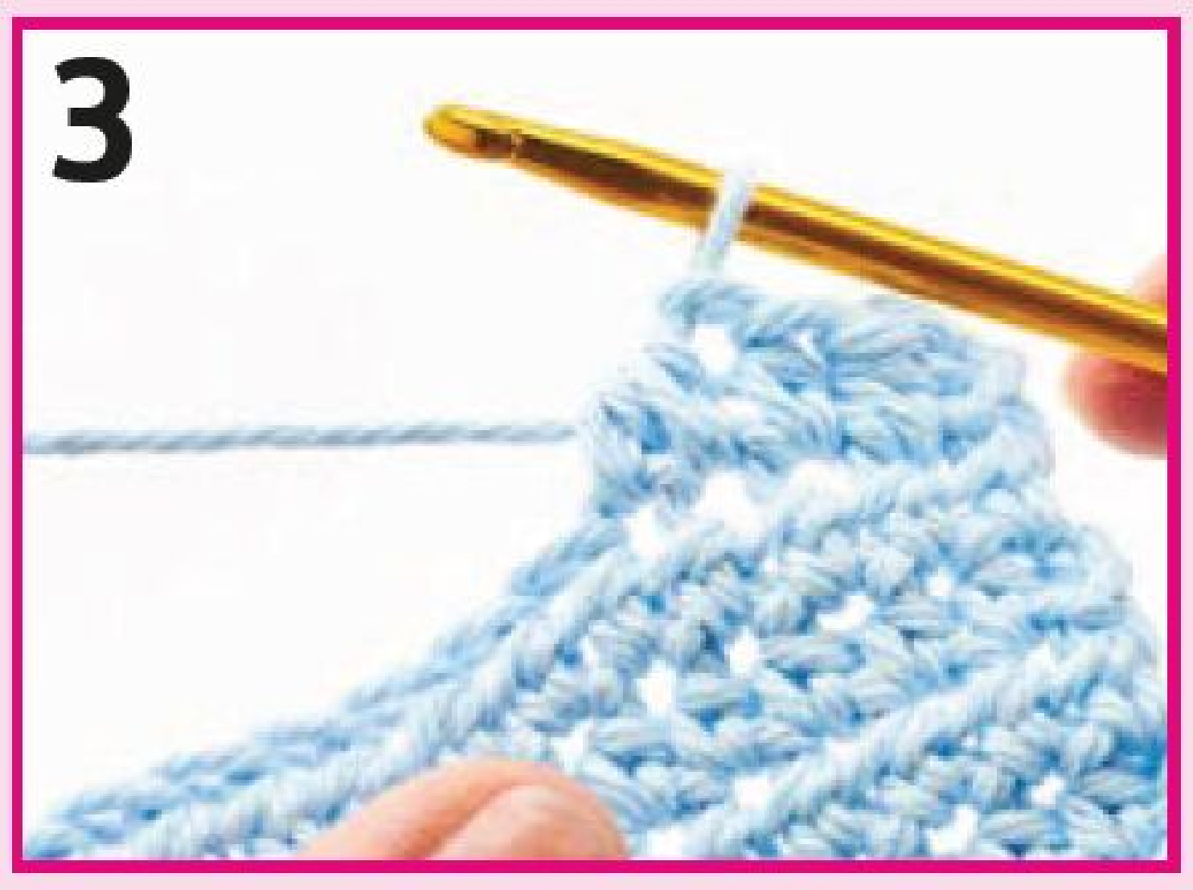
**To combine two stitches with a half treble, follow this guide**



**Step 1:** yoh, insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch



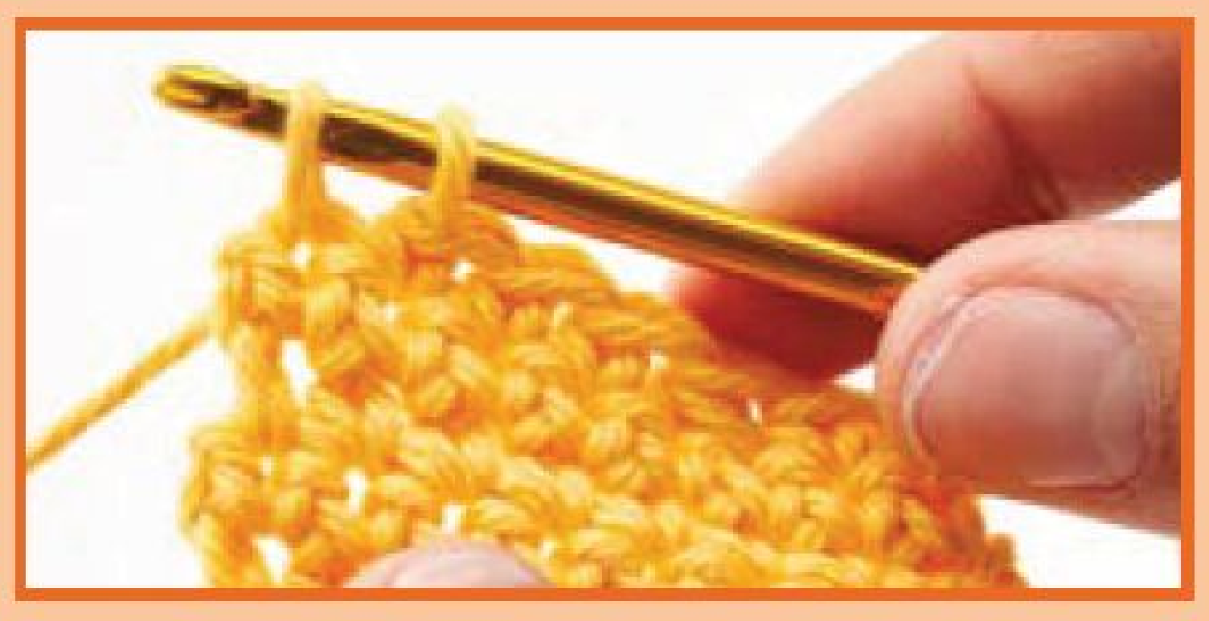
**Step 2:** repeat Step 1 in the next stitch, so you have five loops on your hook



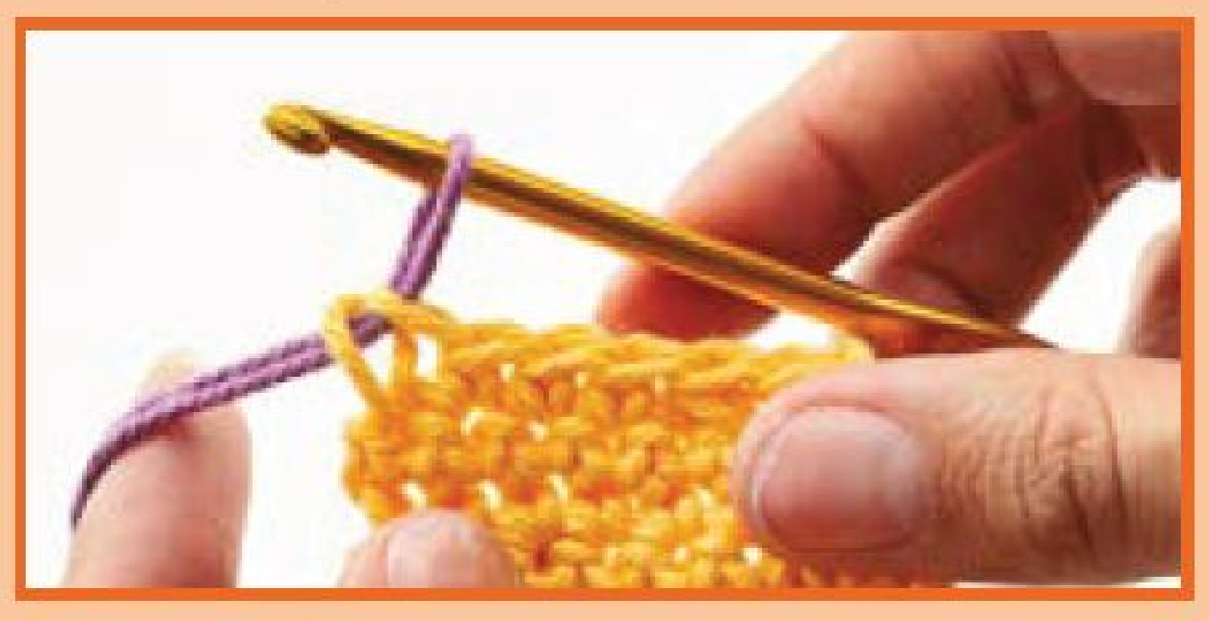
**Step 3:** yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook

## JOINING IN A NEW COLOUR

**The neatest way to join a new yarn is during the last movement of the previous stitch, like in this double crochet stitch**



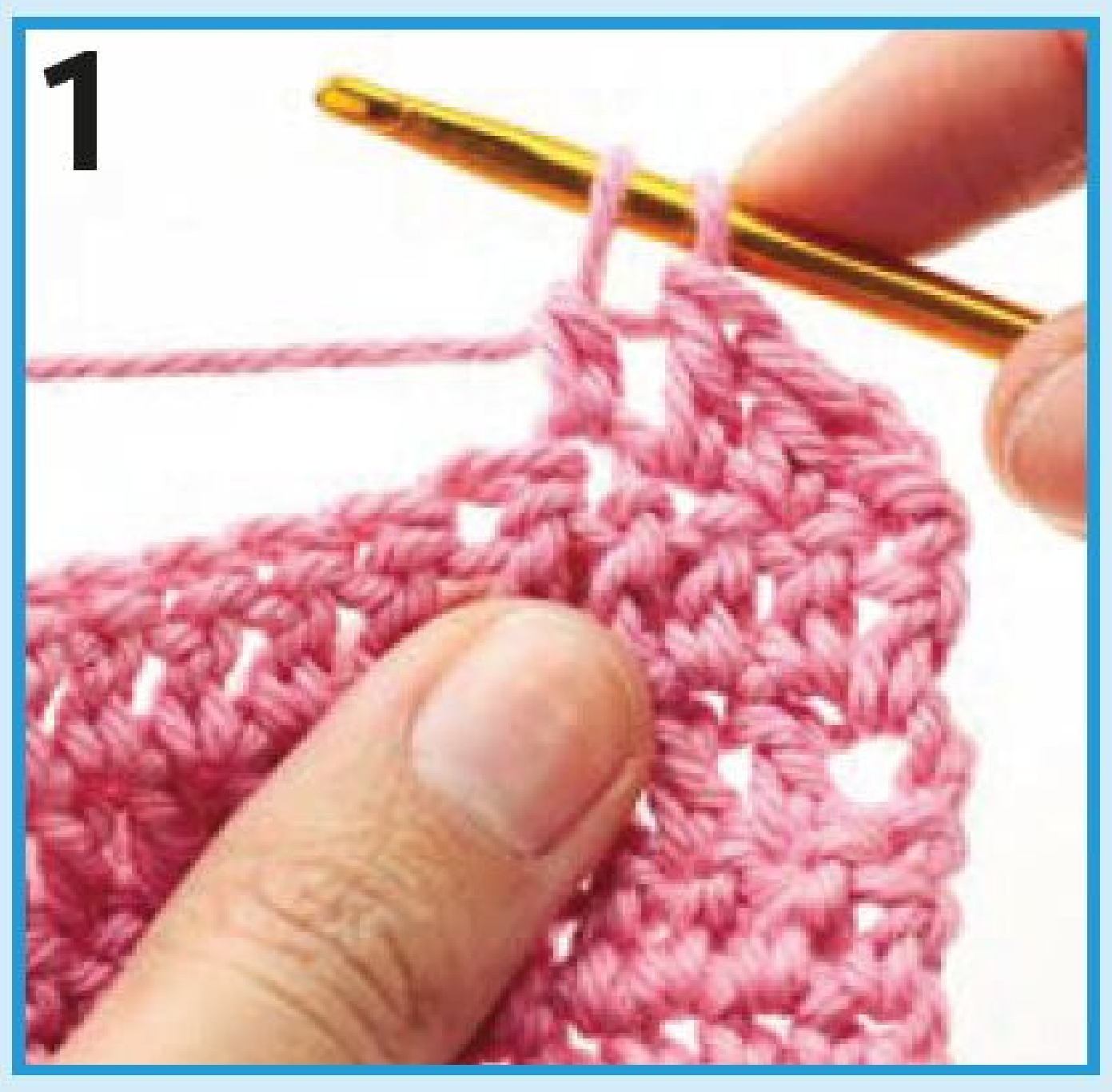
**Step 1:** insert the hook into the next stitch, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch – two loops on hook



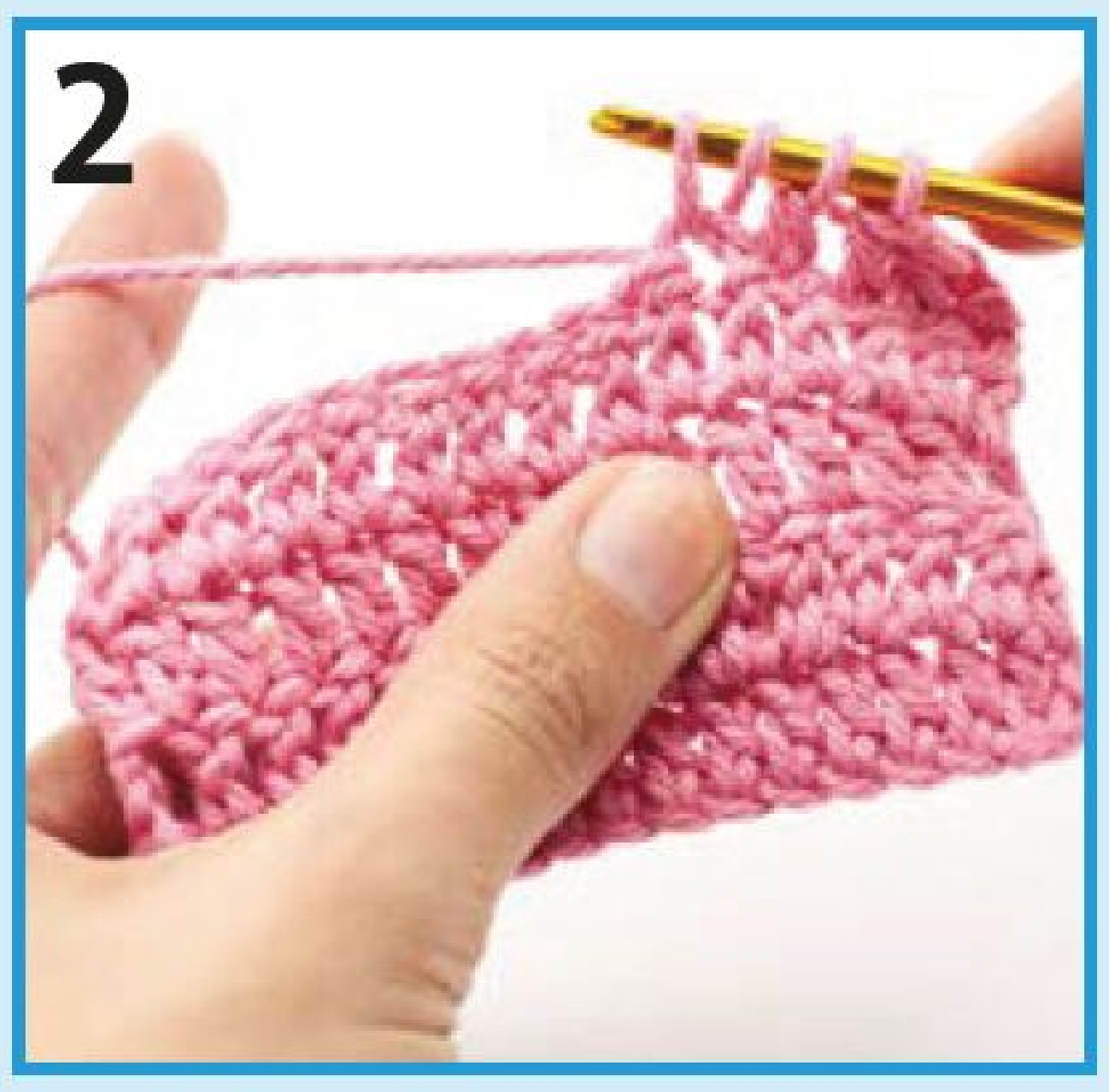
**Step 2:** using the new colour, yoh and pull through both loops. Pull yarn tails to tighten loops if needed

## TR2TOG

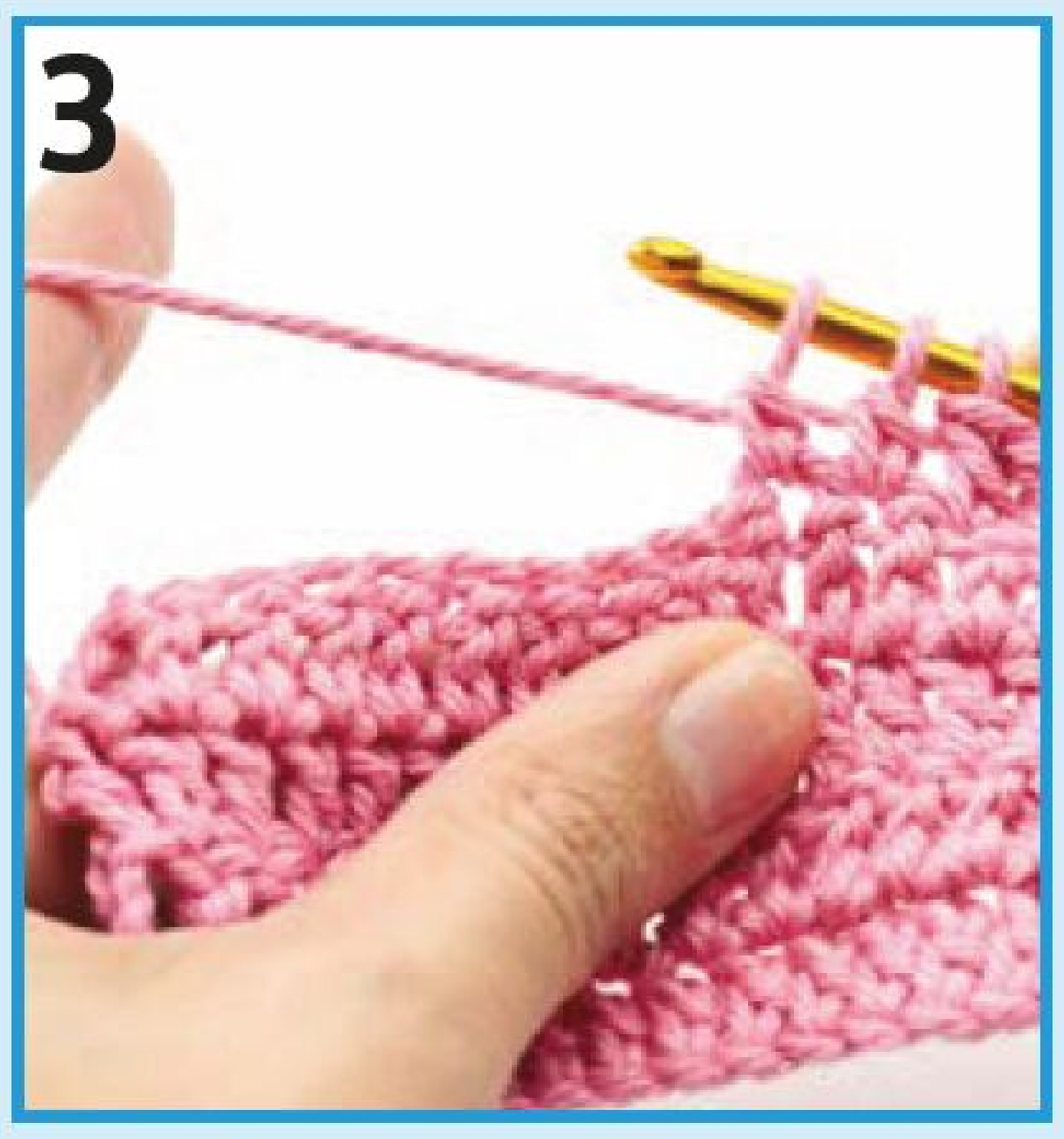
**Join two stitches from the previous row or round with this treble technique**



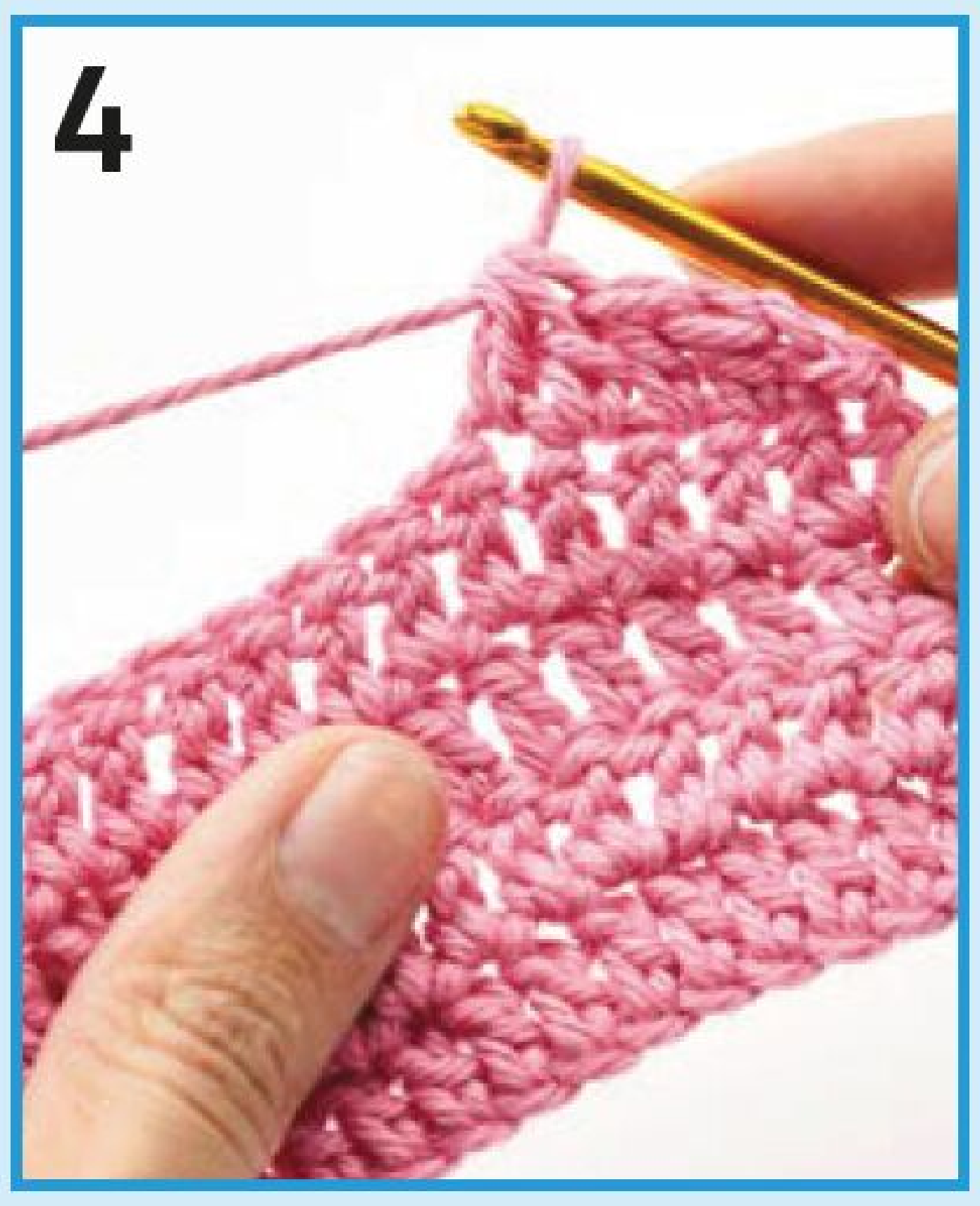
**Step 1:** start working as for a normal treble crochet stitch, but stop when you have two loops left on your hook



**Step 2:** yoh, insert the hook into the next st, yoh and pull the loop through the stitch so you have four loops on the hook



**Step 3:** yoh, pull through the first two loops on the hook, so three loops remain



**Step 4:** yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook

## DTR2TOG

**Much like tr2tog, this will combine two stitches into one**

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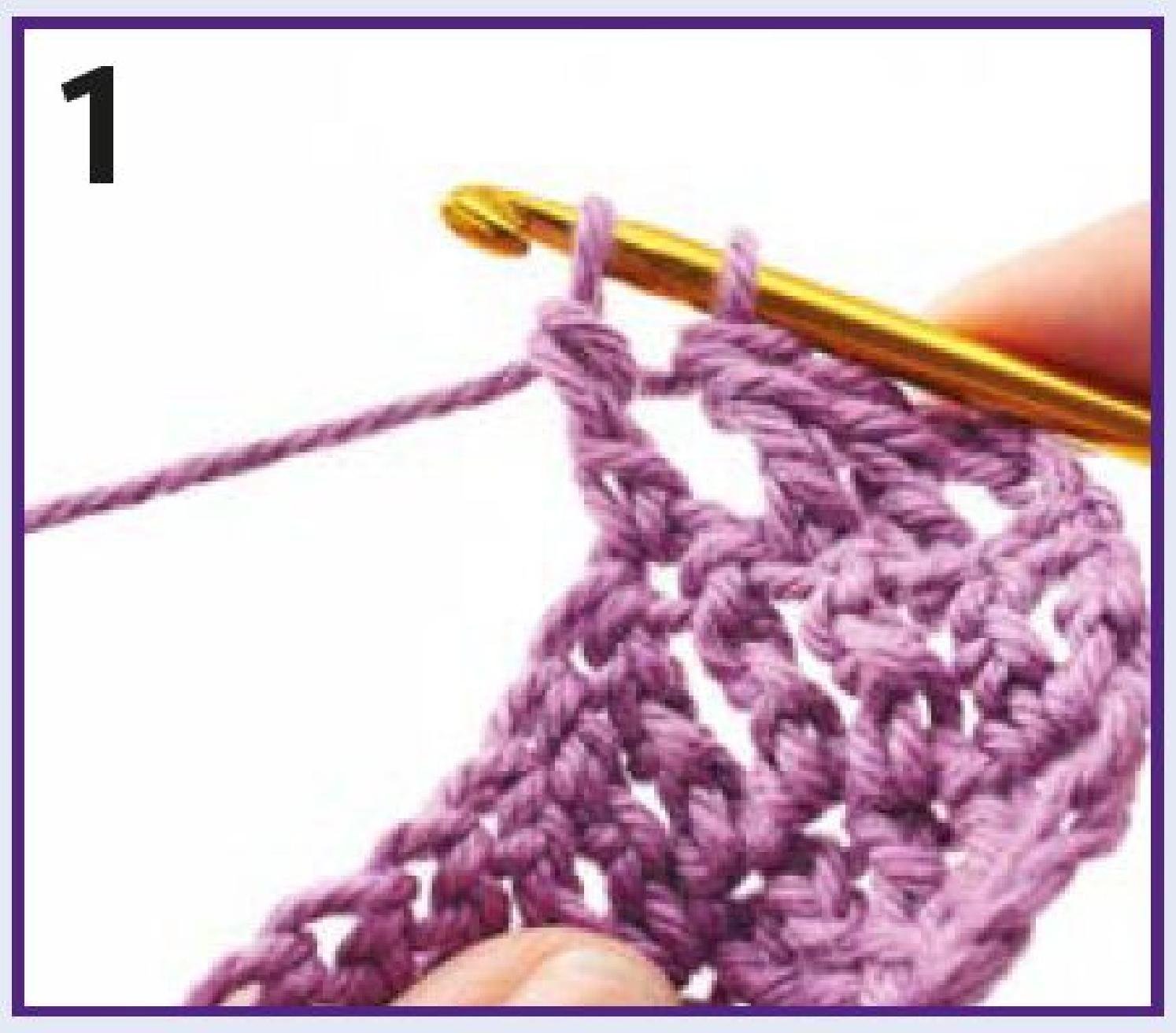

**Step 1:** start working as for a normal double treble crochet stitch, but stop when you have two loops left on your hook

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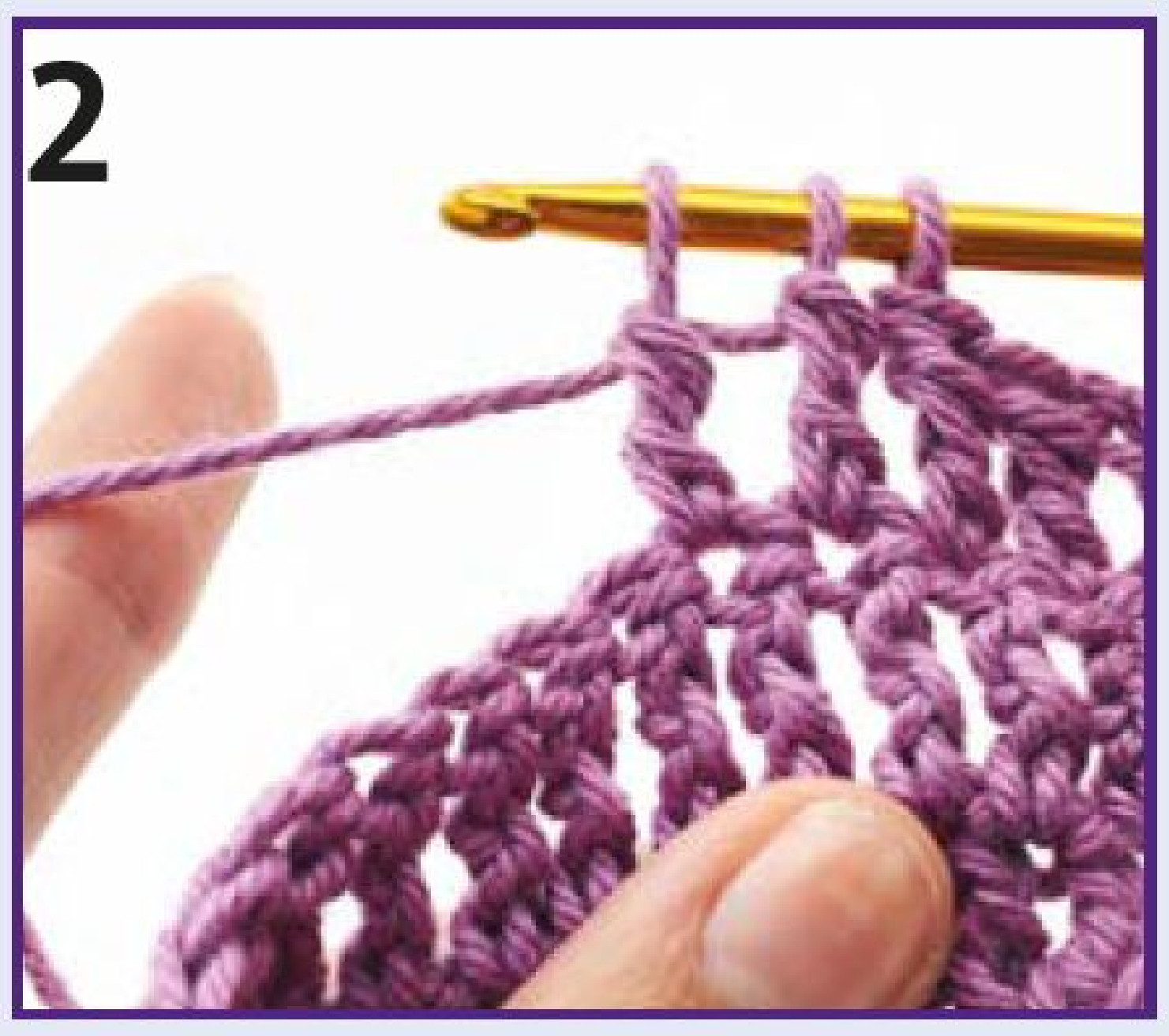

**Step 2:** yoh twice, insert hook into next st, yoh and pull loop through stitch, giving you five loops on the hook

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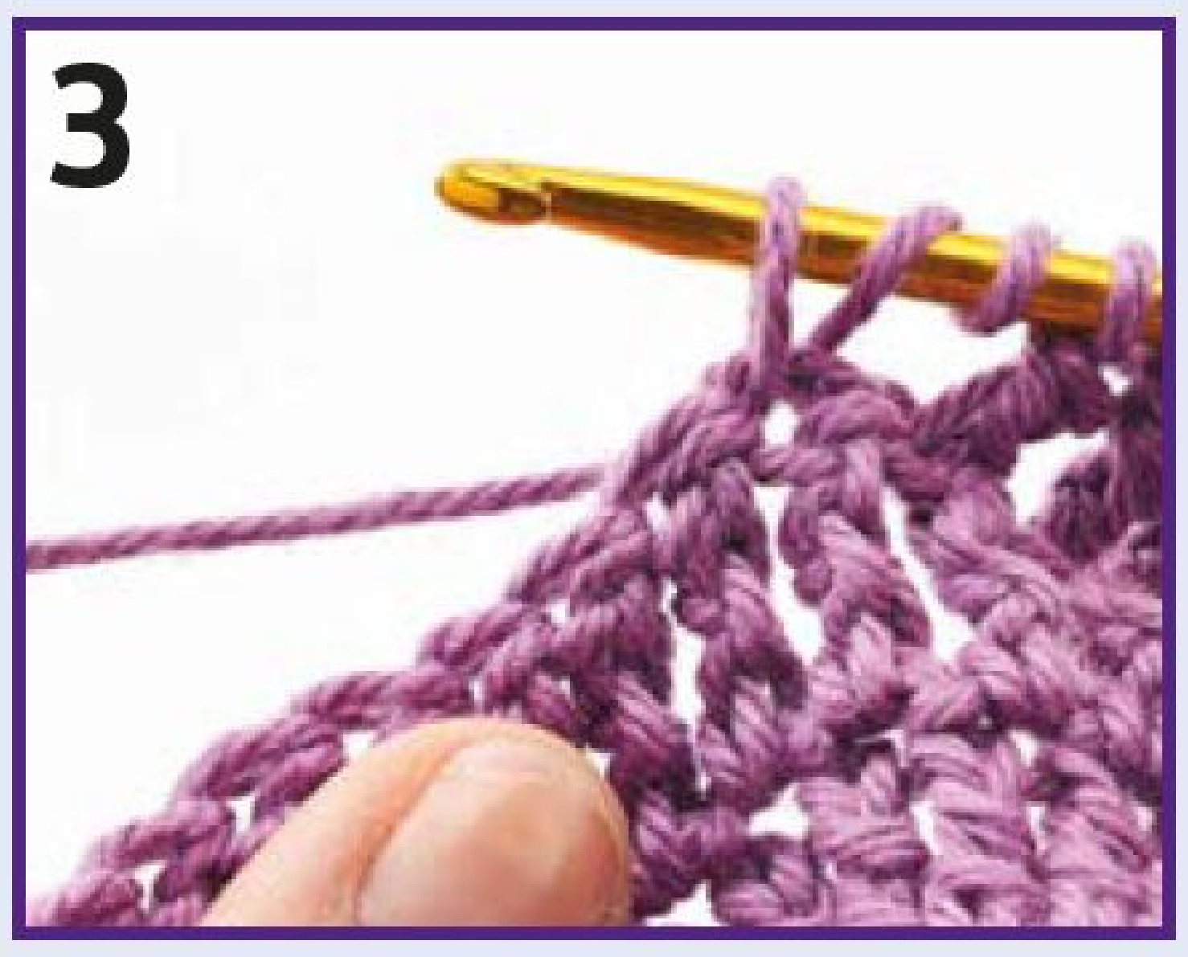

**Step 3:** yoh, pull through two loops on hook, yoh, pull through next two loops on hook, so you have three loops on your hook

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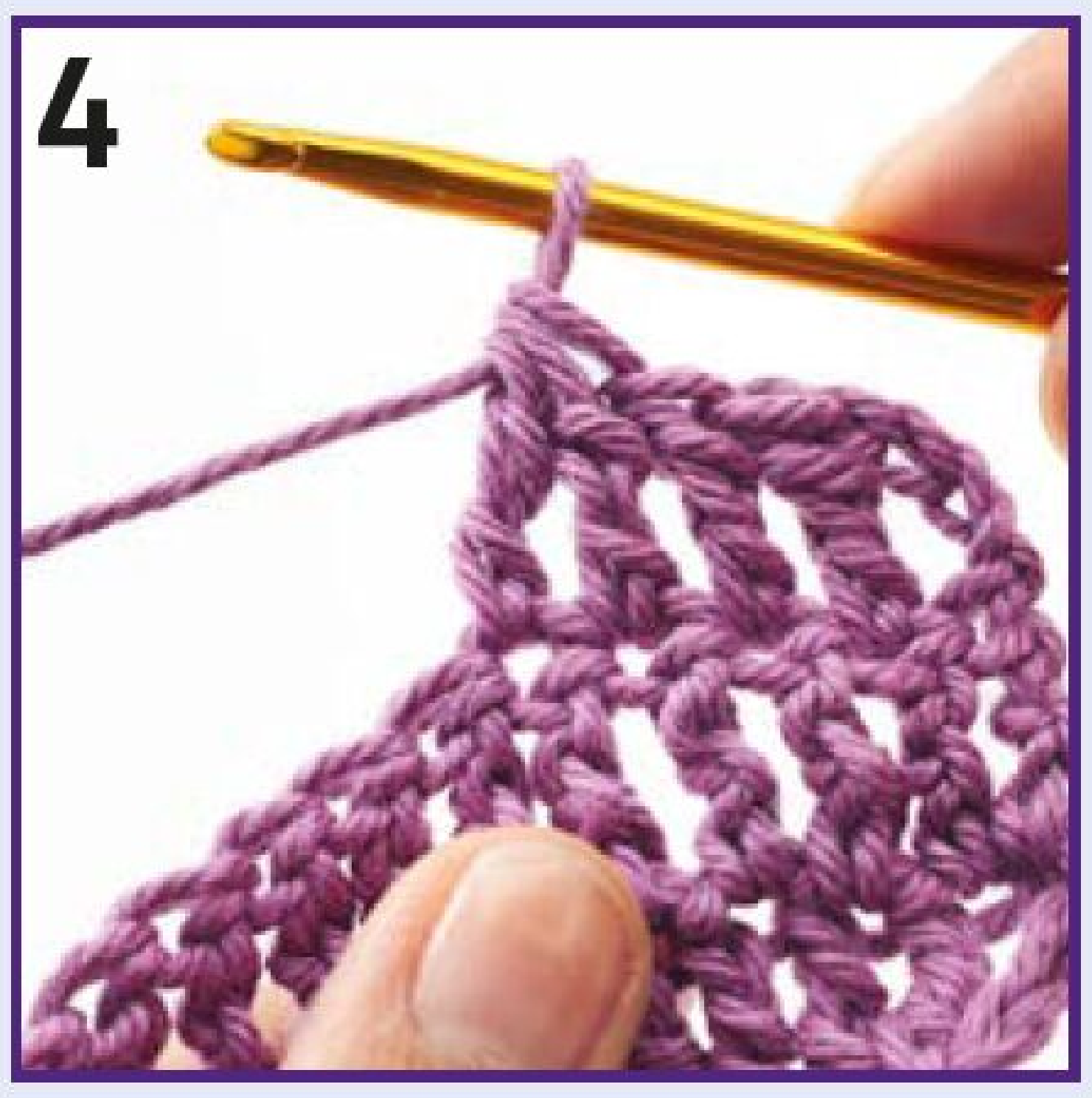

**Step 4:** yoh, then pull through all the loops on the hook

## FRENCH KNOTS

**These are useful for embroidering small eyes**

1 French knots can be spaced out or worked together in a cluster. Bring the needle up through the fabric at the desired position of the knot, then hold the thread taut between your finger and thumb

2 Take the needle under the thread and wrap it around three times. While holding the thread taut, take the needle through the starting place and pull to the back

3 Once you have a small knot on the surface, take the needle back up through the fabric at the position of the next knot and repeat the process

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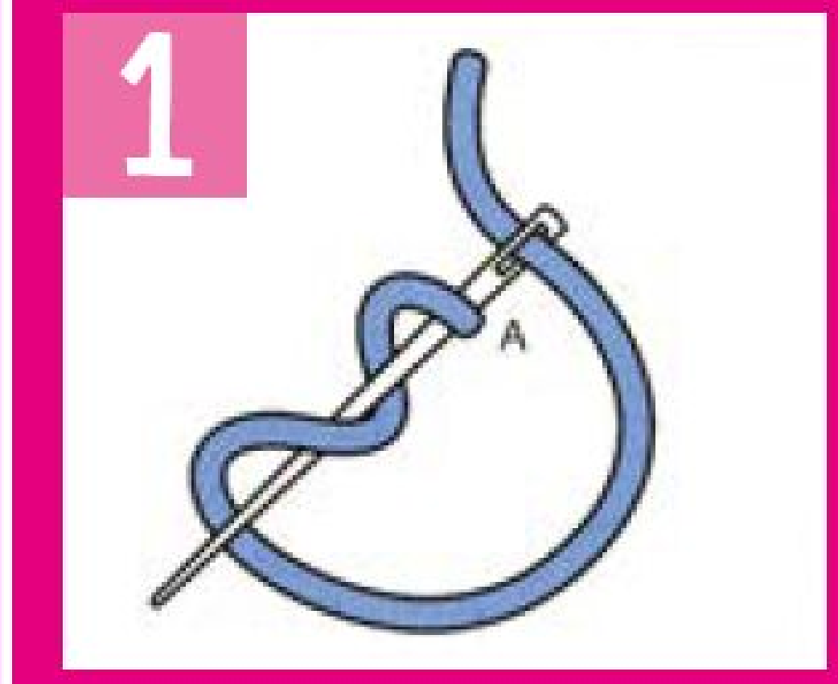

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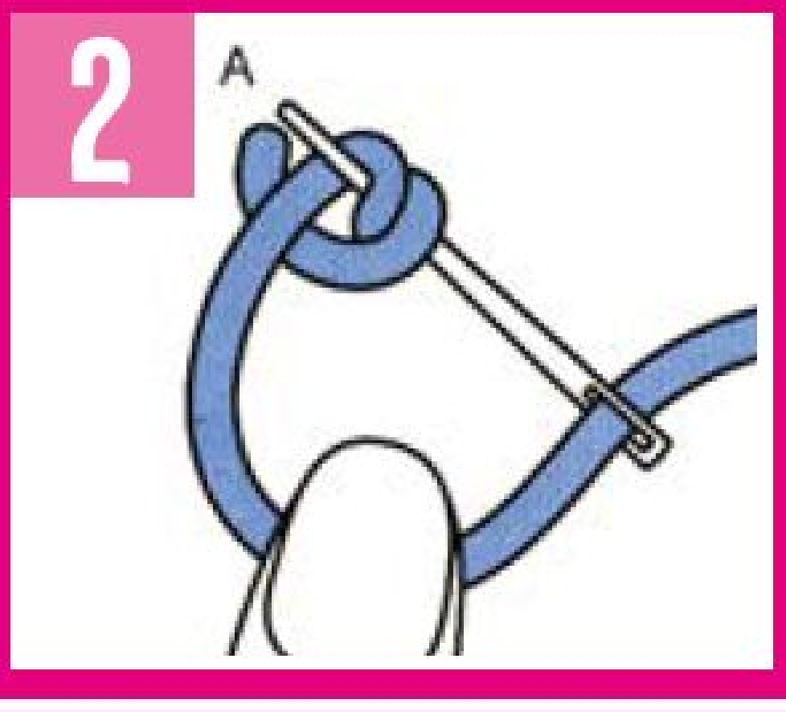

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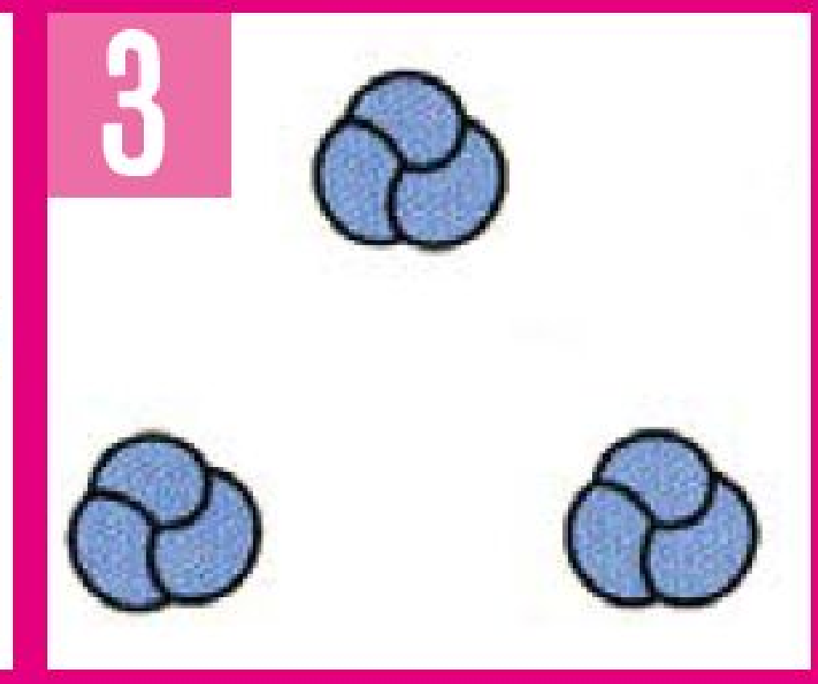

## SPIRAL VS WORKING IN THE ROUND

When working in the round, you usually have a turning chain and close the round with a slip stitch. However, most amigurumi designs are worked in a spiral, so there is no need to work a turning chain or a closing slip stitch

**Spiral** **Rounds**

# GLOSSARY

**2 tr cl:** two treble cluster – (Yrh and insert hook in sp or st, yrh and pull yarn through work, yrh and pull yarn through first two loops on hook) twice in same st. Three loops now on hook. Yrh and pull yarn through all three loops on hook to complete
**alt:** alternate
**approx:** approximately
**Bb:** work the stitch into the back bump of the foundation chain
**beg:** beginning
**begtr2tog:** beginning treble two together – 2ch (counts as start of tr2tog) one loop on hook. Yoh, insert through next st, yoh, pull through all loops on hook
**bet:** between
**BLO:** back loop only
**ch:** chain stitch
**ch sp/chsp:** chain space
**cont:** continue(ing)
**dc:** double crochet
**dc2tog:** double crochet two together
**dec:** decrease(ing)
**dtr:** double treble crochet
**edc:** elongated double crochet – Insert hook in st two rounds below current round, yrh, pull yarn up level to current round, yrh, pull through both loops on hook to complete edc
**excl.:** excluding
**FLO:** Front loop only
**foll/folls:** following
**fpdc:** front post double crochet – Yoh, insert hook from front to back around post of st indicated, yoh and pull up a loop even with loop on hook. Three loops on hook. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice
**fptr:** front post treble – Yoh, insert hook around post of st from front right to front left, yoh, pull through under st. Three loops on hook. (Yoh and pull through two loops) twice
**htr:** half treble crochet
**inc:** increase(ing)
**incl.:** including
**invisible dc2tog:** invisible double crochet together – Insert your hook into the front loop of the first stitch, then the front loop of the second stitch, yoh, pull through the first two loops on your hook, yoh, pull through the remaining two loops
**l-tr:** linked treble – Insert hook in horizontal bar on previous tr, yoh, pull through bar, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull through st. Three loops on hook. (Yoh, pull through two loops on hook) twice. For the first l-tr after 3ch, insert hook in second ch from hook, yoh, pull through ch, insert hook in next st, yoh, pull through st. Three loops on hook. (Yoh, pull through two loops on hook) twice
**meas:** measure(s)
**patt:** pattern
**picot:** 3ch, one sl st in first ch
**pm:** place marker
**prev:** previous
**rem:** remain(ing)
**rep/rpt:** repeat(ing)
**rm:** remove marker
**rnd(s):** round(s)
**RS:** right side
**sk:** skip
**sl st/ss:** slip stitch
**sm:** slip marker
**sp(s):** space(s)
**st(s):** stitch(es)
**tog:** together
**tr:** treble crochet
**tr2tog between sts:** treble two together between stitches – Yoh, insert hook into sp, yoh, pull up loop. Three loops on hook. Yoh, pull through two loops. Two loops on hook. Yoh, insert hook into same sp, yoh, pull up loop. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull through two loops. Three loops on hook. Yoh, pull through all loops on hook
**tr3tog:** treble three together – Yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull yarn through st. Three loops on hook. Yoh, pull yarn through first two loops. Two loops on hook. Yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull yarn through st. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull yarn through first two loops. Three loops on hook. Yoh, insert hook into next st, yoh, pull yarn through st, yoh, pull yarn through first two loops. Four loops on hook. Yoh, pull yarn through all loops on hook
**trtr:** triple treble – made in the same way as a double treble, except the yarn must be wrapped around the hook three (rather than two) times to start – with one loop on the hook, yoh three times. Insert hook into next st. Yoh, pull yarn through st. You should now have five loops on hook. Yoh, pull yarn through two loops. Yoh, pull yarn through two loops. Yoh, pull yarn through two loops. Yoh, pull yarn through last two loops
**WS:** wrong side
**yoh:** yarn over hook
**yrh:** yarn round hook
***** repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as stated
**()[]** work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed

## UK/US CROCHET TERMINOLOGY

British and American abbreviations are slightly different. This magazine uses UK terminolgy. For the US equivalent, see the chart below.

| UK | US |
|---|---|
| Slip Stitch (sl st or ss) | Slip Stitch (sl st or ss) |
| Double crochet (dc) | Single crochet (sc) |
| Half treble crochet (htr) | Half double crochet (hdc) |
| Treble crochet (tr) | Double crochet (dc) |
| Double treble crochet | Treble/triple crochet (tr) |

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